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Dear Friends from Muhlenberg's Class of 2009,

As time machines go, yearbooks are pretty inadequate. You will receive this a few months after graduation. You'll flip through its pages, look for your own picture (admit it!), and soon put it on a shelf, in a box, or in the closet. If you don't leave it at your parents' house, you'll schlep it around during multiple moves. Then, years from now, you'll pick it up again. You will be amazed at how young you and your friends once looked. You'll be appalled by your haircut and fashion choices (unless you're a guy and have lost your hair, in which case you will feel a pang of regret). You'll be puzzled by the humor (why did we think that was funny?). Then... back to the box, shelf, closet for a few more years.

Of course, perhaps before your next big reunion someone will have invented an actual time machine and you can simply set the dials and actually return to your undergraduate days like Marty McFly from Back to the Future. I, of course, will notice that this has happened by the sudden spike in students' wisdom and maturity, not to mention your uncanny success in investments and sports wagers.

Let's assume, however, that the flux capacitor on your DeLorean is NOT working anytime soon. Beyond this yearbook and the memories it contains, there are other ways you can reconnect with Muhlenberg and stay reconnected over the years. Visiting the campus as often as possible is a good start. You know you're always welcome and your professors and I will always be glad to see you. Even when we have toddled off to retirement homes, there will still be fresh faces, new buildings, and welcoming faculty, even if the students will seem weirdly young (certainly younger than you ever remember being). What won't have changed is the friendships you've made here, and the intellectual curiosity and skills that you kindled in our classrooms, labs, and during informal debates and discussions in the Garden Room, the GQ, and the residence halls. Cherish those treasures you acquired at Muhlenberg. They are essential ingredients of a life rich in meaning and satisfaction.

And here's something else that won't have changed: Muhlenberg will need you. We will need your engagement and support – as advocates, as donors, as volunteers.

You are graduating in a time of troubles. Our country is engaged in two wars; our economy is in shambles; unemployment is spreading; businesses are failing. These things will not have changed by the time you receive this volume, but I hope that by the time you pull it off the shelf a few years from now our country will be much better off. Even if it is, Muhlenberg will still need you. The best colleges and universities are the best because of strong alumni engagement. So, don't forget to stay connected, even if Doc Brown never gets the DeLorean working.

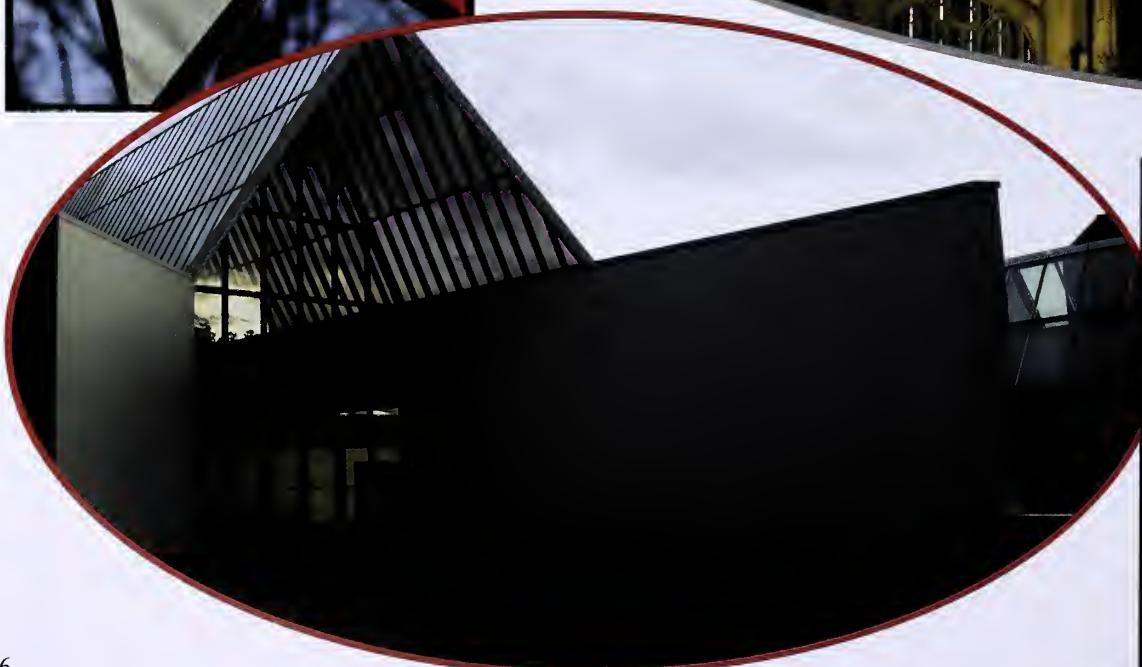
Cordially,

Randy Helm

PRESIDENT HELM



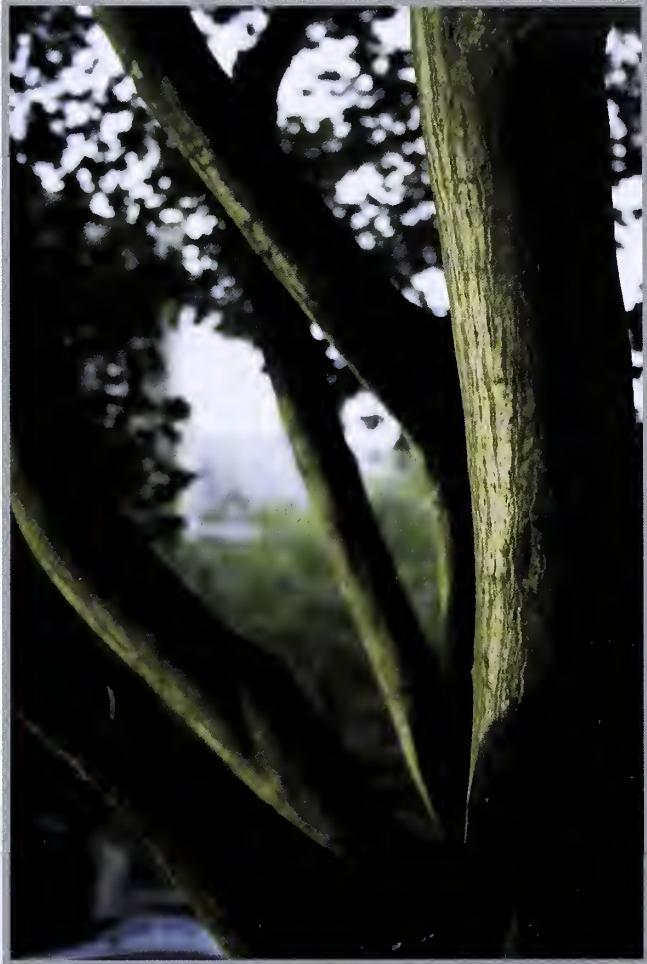
President Randy Helm is pictured with his wife, Patricia Helm, an assistant professor of music at the halftime of the Homecoming football game.



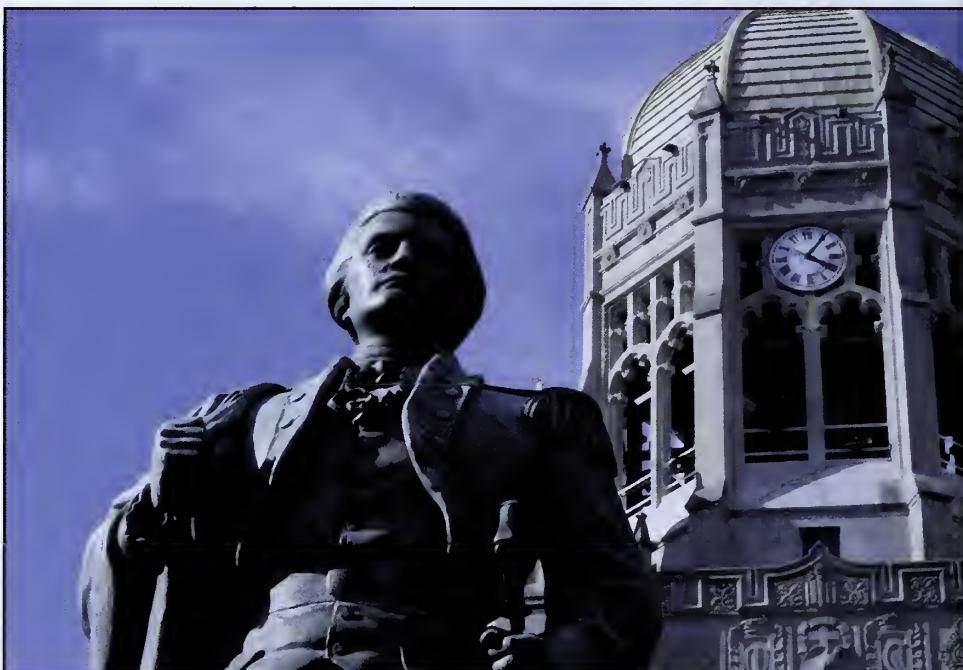




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MISSION STATEMENT



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Muhlenberg College aims to develop independent critical thinkers who are intellectually agile, characterized by a zest for reasoned and civil debate, knowledgeable about the achievements and traditions of diverse civilizations and cultures, able to express ideas with clarity and grace, committed to life-long learning, equipped with ethical and civic values, and prepared for lives of leadership and service. The College is committed to providing an intellectually rigorous undergraduate education within the context of a supportive, diverse residential community. We are also committed to educating the whole person through experiences within and beyond the classroom. Our curriculum integrates the traditional liberal arts with selected pre-professional studies. Our faculty are passionate about teaching, value close relationships with students, and are committed to the pedagogical and intellectual importance of research. Honoring its historical heritage from the Lutheran Church and its continuing connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Muhlenberg welcomes and celebrates a variety of faith traditions on campus and encourages members of the College community to value spiritual life.

LOOKING BACK...

1848 -- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America founds a college in Allentown, Pennsylvania; a successor to the Allentown Seminary.

1867 -- The name Muhlenberg College is adopted in honor of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the patriarch of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The first classes taught at Muhlenberg included Greek, Latin, English, German, and Mathematics.

1876 -- Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg steps down after serving a tenure as Muhlenberg's first President.

1883 -- The first issue of the Muhlenberg Monthly, later known as the Muhlenberg Weekly, is published.

1892 -- The first edition of the Ciarla yearbook is put into production highlighting events of that school year.

1900 -- Muhlenberg's first recognized intercollegiate athletics competition was a football game held at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania.

1904 -- Dr. John A.W. Haas assumes the position of President and moves Muhlenberg College from the original location at 4th and Walnut Street to its present location.

1910 -- Muhlenberg begins to offer adult education classes.

1929 -- The first stone was laid for the Gideon F. Egner Memorial Chapel.

1937 -- Dr. Haas retires after successfully developing Muhlenberg's campus and reputation.

1942 -- Muhlenberg's Bicentennial is celebrated in honor of the Muhlenberg family with a week long celebration.

1943 - 1946 -- Due to World War

II, Muhlenberg was selected by the Navy as one of the colleges in conjunction with their V-5 and V-12 training program. During these three years, Muhlenberg trained over 2,000 Marines and Navy students.

1947 -- Following the war, the demand to attend institutions of higher learning was very high, forcing Muhlenberg to expand its housing and academic facilities.

1957 -- Muhlenberg opens its doors to female students due to economic hardships.

1959 -- Tennis was the first female sports team at Muhlenberg. That following winter, basketball and field hockey were offered for female students.

1994 -- The Center for Ethics is founded to encourage students to gain insight onto ethical reflection

and decision making.

2003 -- Current President Randy Helm is sworn in as the 15th president of Muhlenberg College.

2007 -- Muhlenberg celebrates its 50th anniversary of co-education with a year long celebration.

2008 -- Muhlenberg announced its capital campaign, "The Talents Entrusted to Our Care," a 2 year initiative to raise the endowment, capital, and The Muhlenberg Fund.

And while there are many more important stories and events that highlight the interesting history of Muhlenberg, the future is what is really important. Each student, faculty member, and individual who passes through the red doors has the opportunity to not only become a part of this great school, but to leave their own mark on its evolving history.

...AT THE HISTORY OF MUHLENBERG

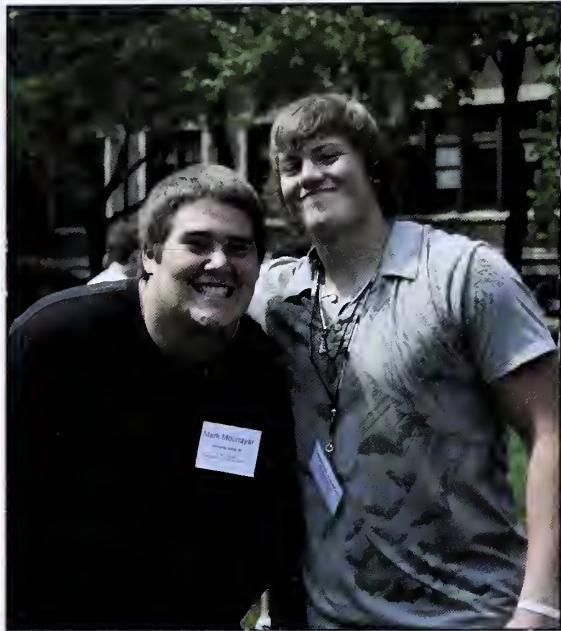


STUDENT LIFE

THIS BOOK IS COMPOSED OF STORIES AND MEMORIES. UNLIKE OTHER YEARBOOKS WHICH TAKE COLLECTIVE MEMORIES AND PLACE THEM ON THESE PAGES, THIS BOOK TRIES TO CAPTURE THE EFFECTS THAT MUHLENBERG HAS ON EACH INDIVIDUAL STUDENT THAT PASSES THROUGH THE RED DOORS. EACH STORY EXPLAINS THE EFFECT THAT THIS SCHOOL HAS HAD ON A PERSON NOT ONLY ACADEMICALLY, BUT ON THEIR ENTIRE COLLEGIATE EXPERIENCE.



Freshmen Orientation



CLASS OF 2012 NEW FACES & FRIENDS

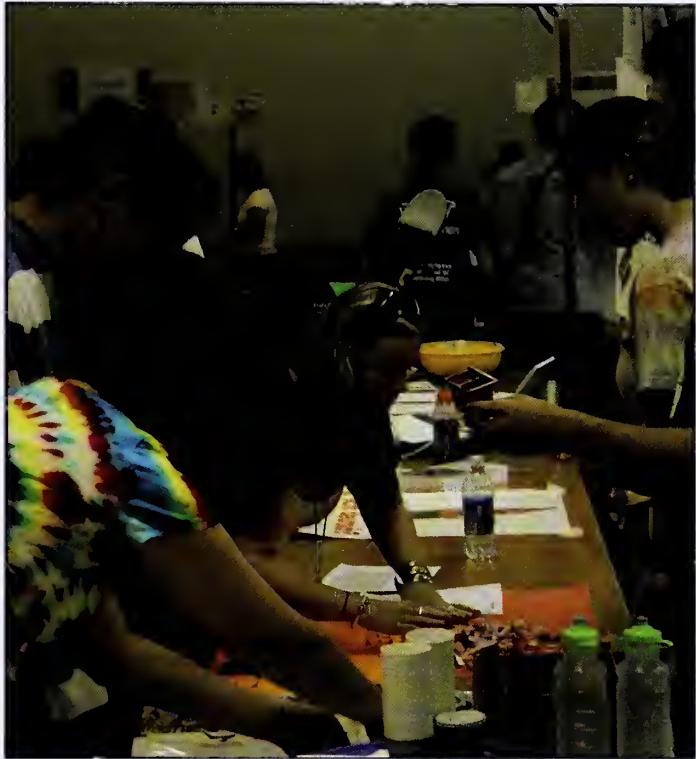
As the last weekend in August approaches, Muhlenberg begins to prepare for opening weekend, and the Class of 2012. The campus begins to fill with upperclassmen and Student Advisors anxiously awaiting the arrival of the freshmen class. Freshmen Orientation is a weekend long event constructed to welcome underclassmen to Muhlenberg and allow them to become familiar with their new settings and classmates. Annually,

Freshmen Orientation occurs the weekend before classes start and is filled with numerous activities and traditions. Each year, the freshmen students light candles at Opening Convocation symbolizing their beginning at Muhlenberg, which is pictured to the right. Sarah Richwine, pictured above and to the left, decided "to become a Student Advisor my senior year because my Student Advisor had such a great influence on my college career. As a Student Advisor I wanted to give back to the school that helped me grow so much as a person. I wanted to help first year students adjust to college life and introduce my advisees to their new home. I enjoyed meeting the new students and passing on what I have learned at Muhlenberg. I hope I was able to affect their lives in the same way my Student Advisor changed mine." And while this is only the opening weekend, it has a profound effect on both incoming freshman and those helping the transition.



Activities Fair





GETTING INVOLVED

The Great Room is transformed with tables, signs, and numerous clubs and organizations: it is the annual activities fair held within the first week of school informing first year students about, and encouraging them to join, the different clubs at Muhlenberg. Clubs ranging from MINT*, a hip-hop dance team, to ENACT, an on campus club committed to becoming more environmentally friendly, set up booths to show students that Muhlenberg is not only a place for academics, but is composed of students committed to their own interests and activities. This event allows for students to expand their interests beyond the classroom, working to either help create a new production, write an article for the Weekly, or help pursue a worthwhile cause.

MULE PRIDE

This school year, Muhlenberg was alit with our school colors of cardinal red and grey. Walking along academic row, one is surrounded by hoodies imprinted with our school logo and, at sporting events, the seats of the stadium are filled with supportive fans cheering for the home team. Pictured to the right are photographs from some of Muhlenberg's top fans.







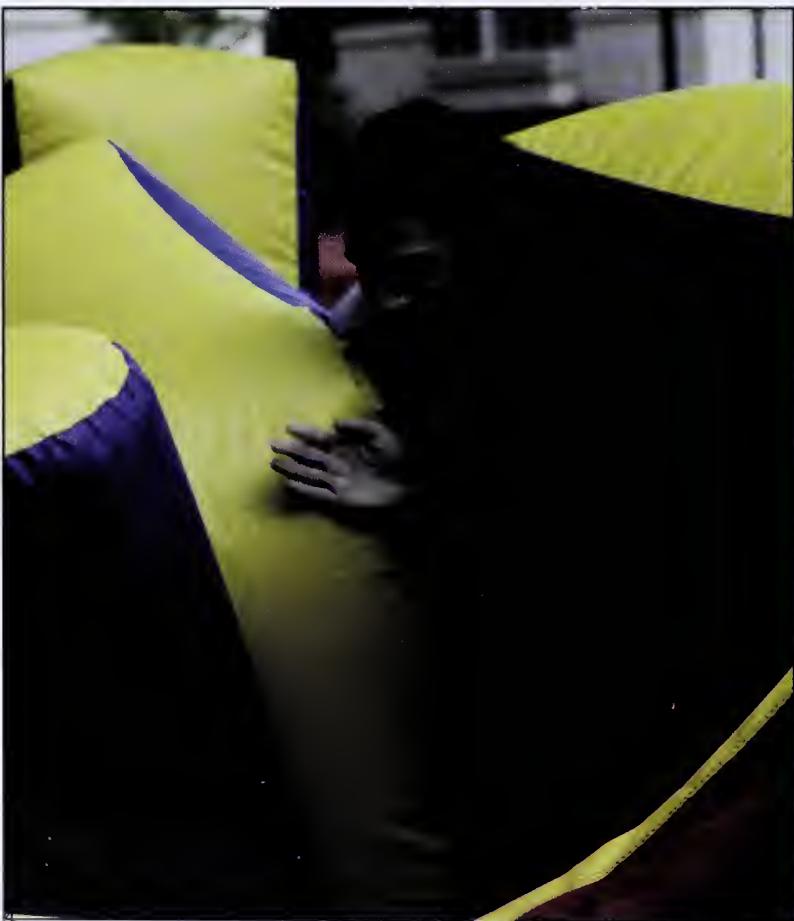
MULES: 42 BULLETS: 21

On the Saturday of Homecoming Weekend, Scotty Wood Stadium was filled with hundreds of fans there to cheer on the Mules as they faced the Gettysburg Bullets. Following the weeklong festivities of Spirit Week which included the annual scarecrow contest, the powderpuff football game, and a wide range of activities for alumni, the Homecoming football game was highly anticipated. During half time, the Homecoming court was announced out on the 50 yard line and Kelly Owens was announced Homecoming Queen while Ryan Kurtis was announced Homecoming King, who are pictured to the far right. Last year's King and Queen Kate Alford and Alex Corgan returned for the football game to crown this year's winners. Following half time, the Mules ran away with the game finishing the game with an impressive 20 point victory over the Bullets.

Homecoming

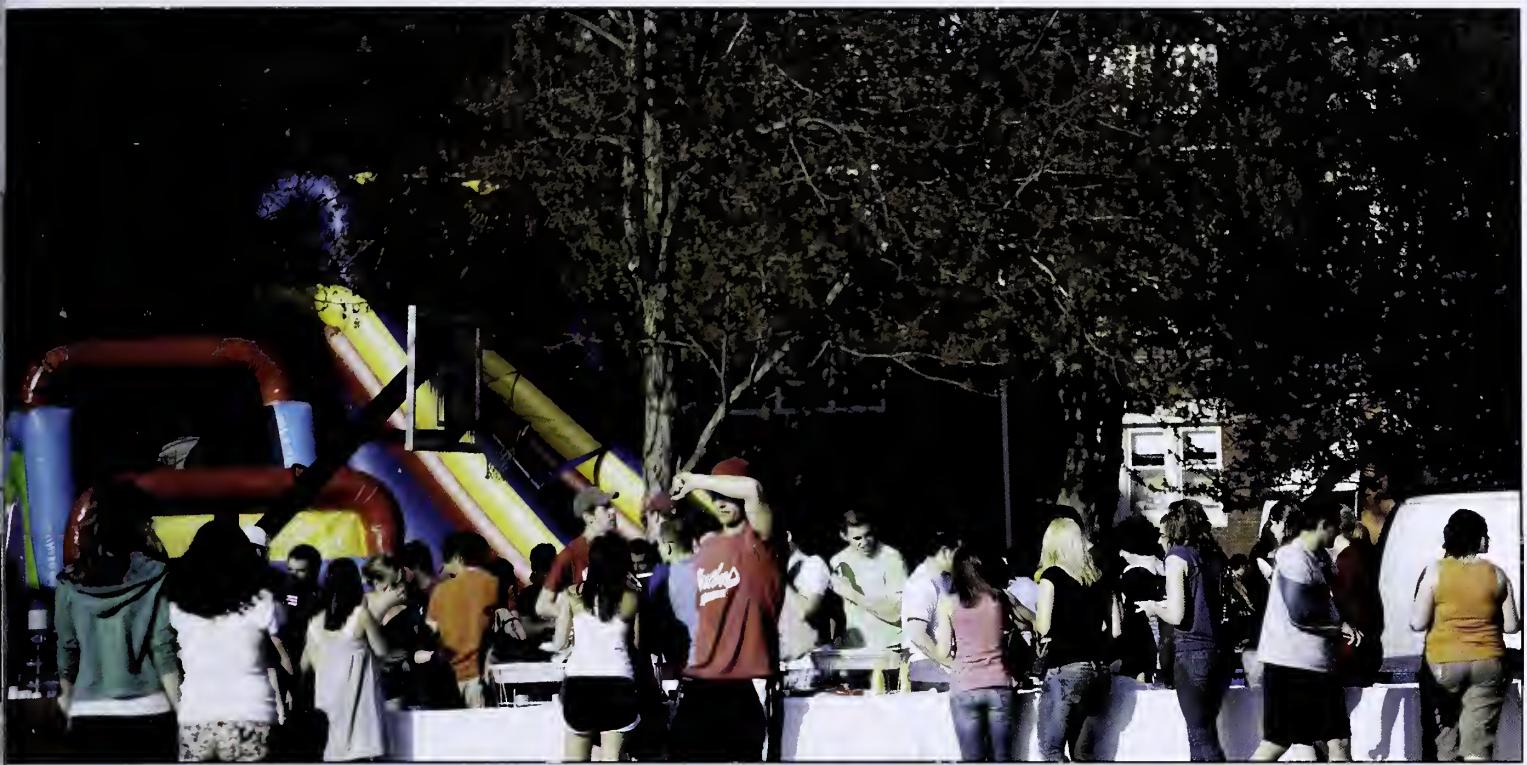


West Fest



ONE AUTUMN AFTERNOON...

West Fest is an annual outdoor picnic held in the west quad on campus, where the quad formed by Taylor Hall and Brown Hall is transformed into an amusement park filled with inflatable activities and booths. Pictured are two of the inflatable activities and Campus Safety Chief Thomas Dougherty.



East Fest

ONE SPRING AFTERNOON...

The warm weather brings the Muhlenberg campus alive. Each spring East Fest is held in the quad on the upperclassmen side of campus. This quad was filled with a buffet, inflatables and, this year, Hillel sponsored an Israel Fest in addition to the ongoing activities. Pictured above is a scene from the event where hungry students get dinner and enjoy the beautiful weather.





ALL IN THE FAMILY

It is a brisk autumn weekend and the campus is filled with families and friends visiting their loved ones at Muhlenberg. Once again, it is Family Weekend, a time for families to experience all aspects of Muhlenberg, ranging from athletics to performances, and academics to just enjoying the beauty of Muhlenberg's campus. The three day weekend allows for families to attend classes and offers a wide variety of activities. In addition to a first year student brunch, pictured above, and numerous activities, pictured to the left, the Muhlenberg Theater Association puts on its annual main stage fall production for all students and their families to watch. This year, the feature play was Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!* Each member of the play showed amazing talent and the play was enjoyed by all who were in the audience. This weekend was one that was filled with memorable events enjoyed by both students and their families.

Family Weekend



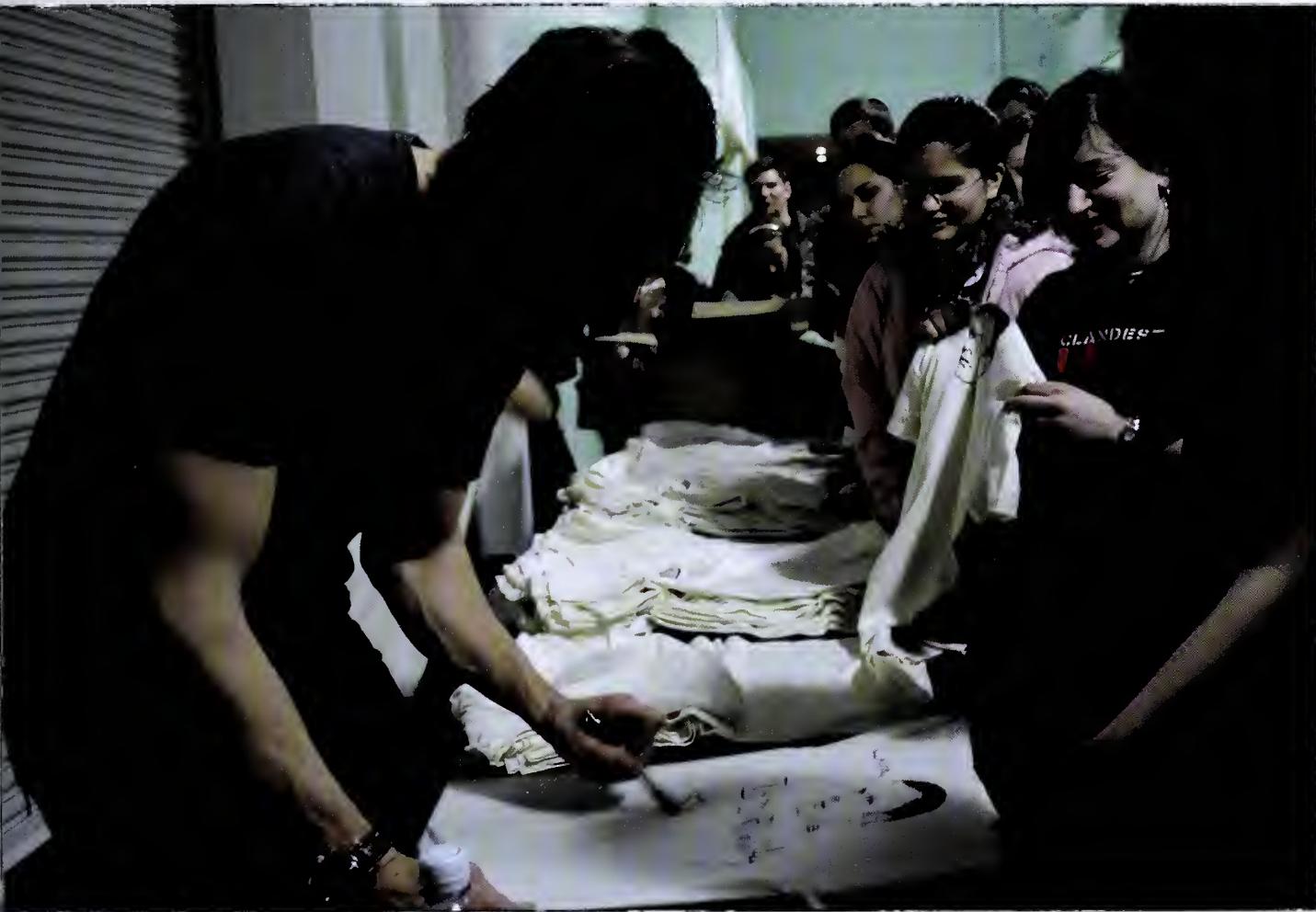
LAUGHING OUT LOUD

The seats of Memorial Hall were filled with hundreds of students anxiously awaiting the arrival of Joel McHale, this year's comedian. Joel McHale is best known as the host of *The Soup*, a weekly television show on the E! television network. On his show, Joel McHale criticizes various pop culture clips ranging from reality television show to YouTube videos.

During his performance, Joel McHale joked about a variety of issues ranging from his family to his job as host of *The Soup*. His routine used large amount of expressions and his jokes made the crowd erupt in laughter. Following his performance, Joel was available for autographs and merchandise was available for purchase as pictured above and to the left. Directly to the left, two students are pictured howling with Joel McHale, which is one of his signature moves on his show.



Joel McHale



Plain White T's

Good tunes & great times

The Martin Luther parking lot is packed with tour buses and large equipment trucks, while the locker room is transformed into a chic dressing room. It is Sunday April 18th, and the Plain White T's are on campus. This band rocked out Memorial Hall for the annual college campus concert. Originally from Villa Park, Illinois, this band is best known for their hit song, "Hey There Delilah" which received a Grammy nomination in 2008. Like all other major events on campus, this event was filled with eager fans and avid concert goers anxiously awaiting the beginning of the concert. Below, is a picture of the band with hundreds of screaming fans singing along word for word to "Hey There Delilah" and their newest singles, "1, 2, 3, 4" and "Natural Disaster". After a series of songs and a night filled with good tunes, everyone in attendance agreed that the Plain White T's provided a memorable show.

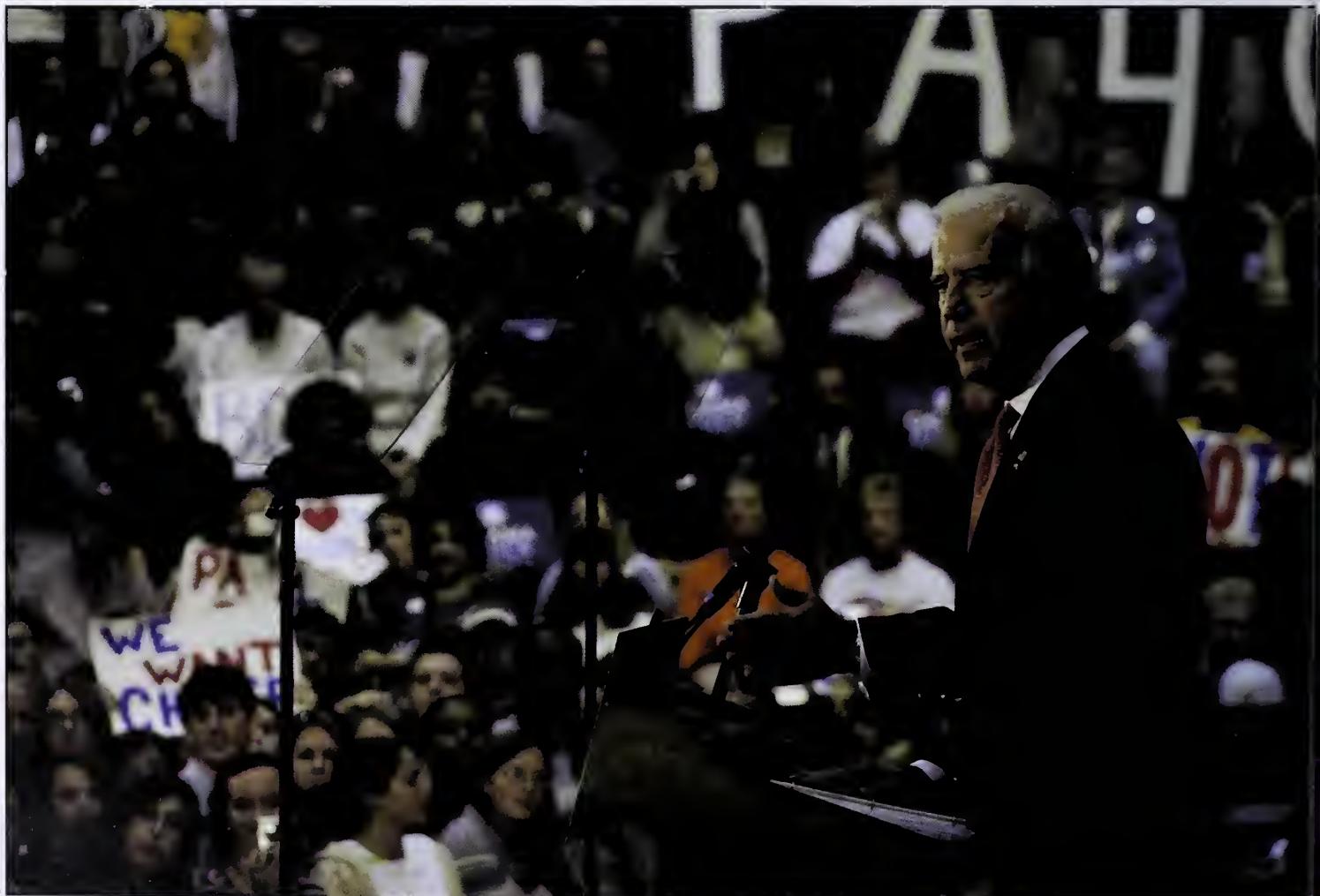




Band members of the Plain White T's include Tom Higgenson, Dave Tirio, Mike Retondo, Tim Lopez, De'Mar Hamilton, who are all pictured playing their respective instruments.

Joseph Biden

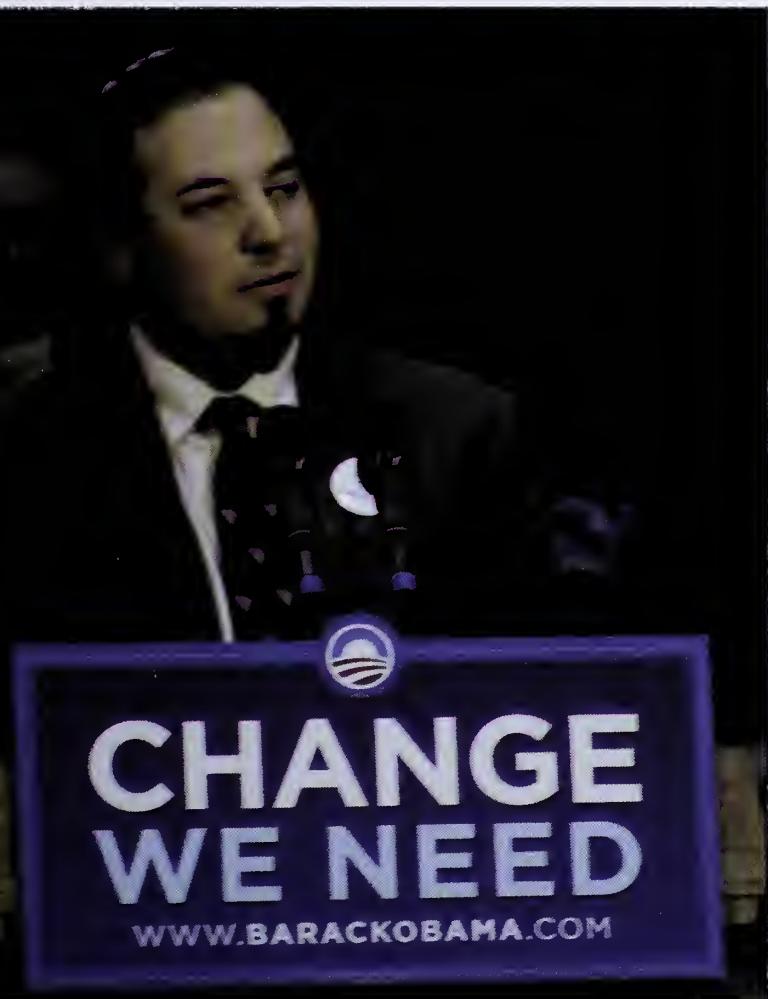
After visits from former President Bill Clinton, and now current President Barack Obama, Muhlenberg was sure that it had seen its share of politicians. However, October brought another special guest: Vice President Joseph Biden, a Democratic Senator from Delaware. The Vice President included Muhlenberg as one of his stops on his campaign trail. Similar to the previous visits, this event was co-sponsored by the Muhlenberg Democrats and filled with local and national politicians. The seats of Memorial Hall were filled with voters eager to hear what Senator Biden and his running mate brought to the ticket. The crowd was filled with signs supporting this candidate and it was inspiring to see the passion and excitement of the crowd.



POLITICAL ACTIVISM

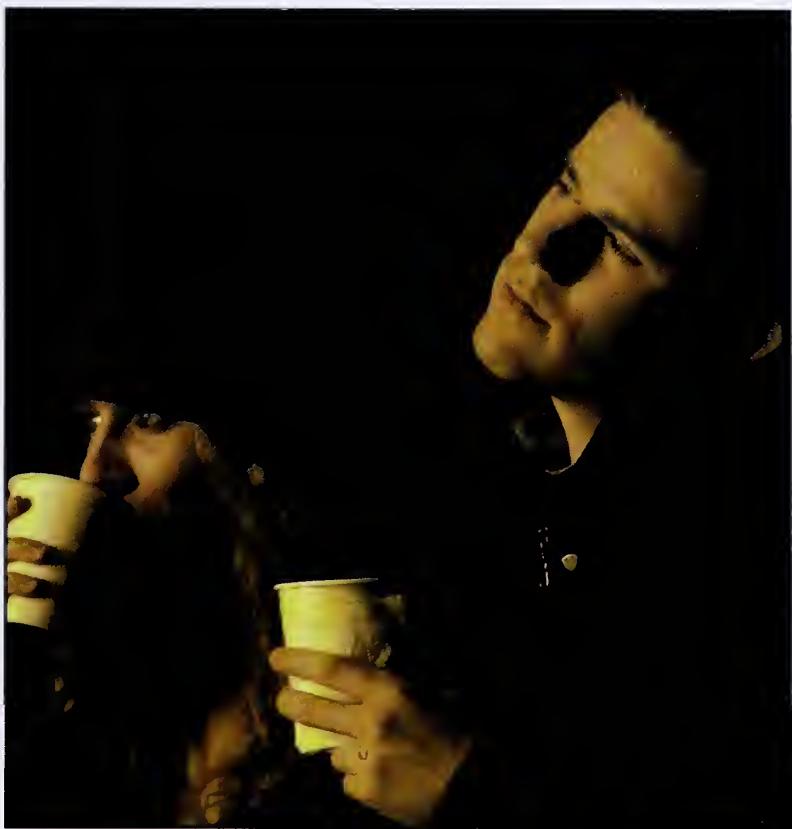


Adrian Shanker, pictured to the left, a senior and Co-President of the Muhlenberg College Democrats was extremely active on and off campus during the 2008 Presidential campaign, helping with everything from voter registration to bringing these politicians to campus. He explains that it was "a huge honor for the College Democrats to host, then Senator, Vice President Joe Biden just days before the Election. His visit helped us to mobilize the 85 % of the registered voters on campus who went out to the polls on Election Day. We are proud to have brought to Muhlenberg, President Clinton, President Obama, and Vice President Biden in one year, and even prouder that the student body voted overwhelmingly Democrat as a result."



Scotty Wood Tournament





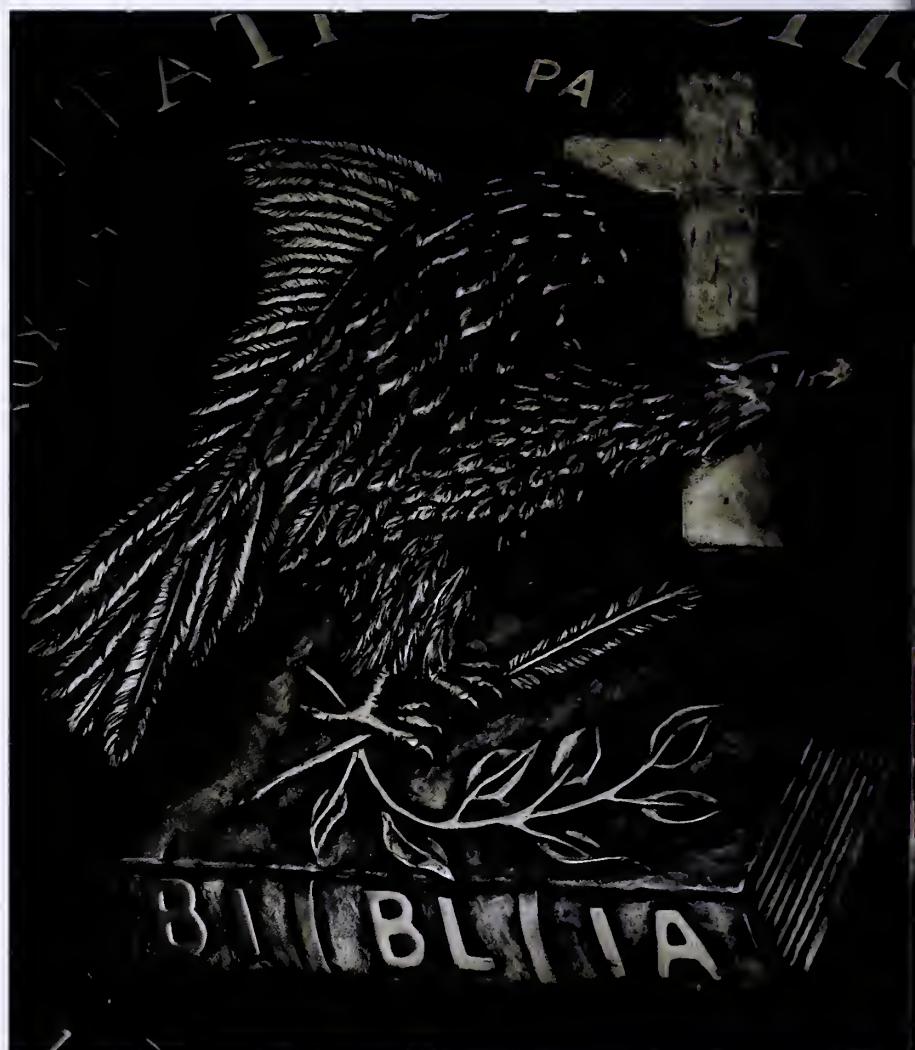
BASKETBALL AND BONFIRES

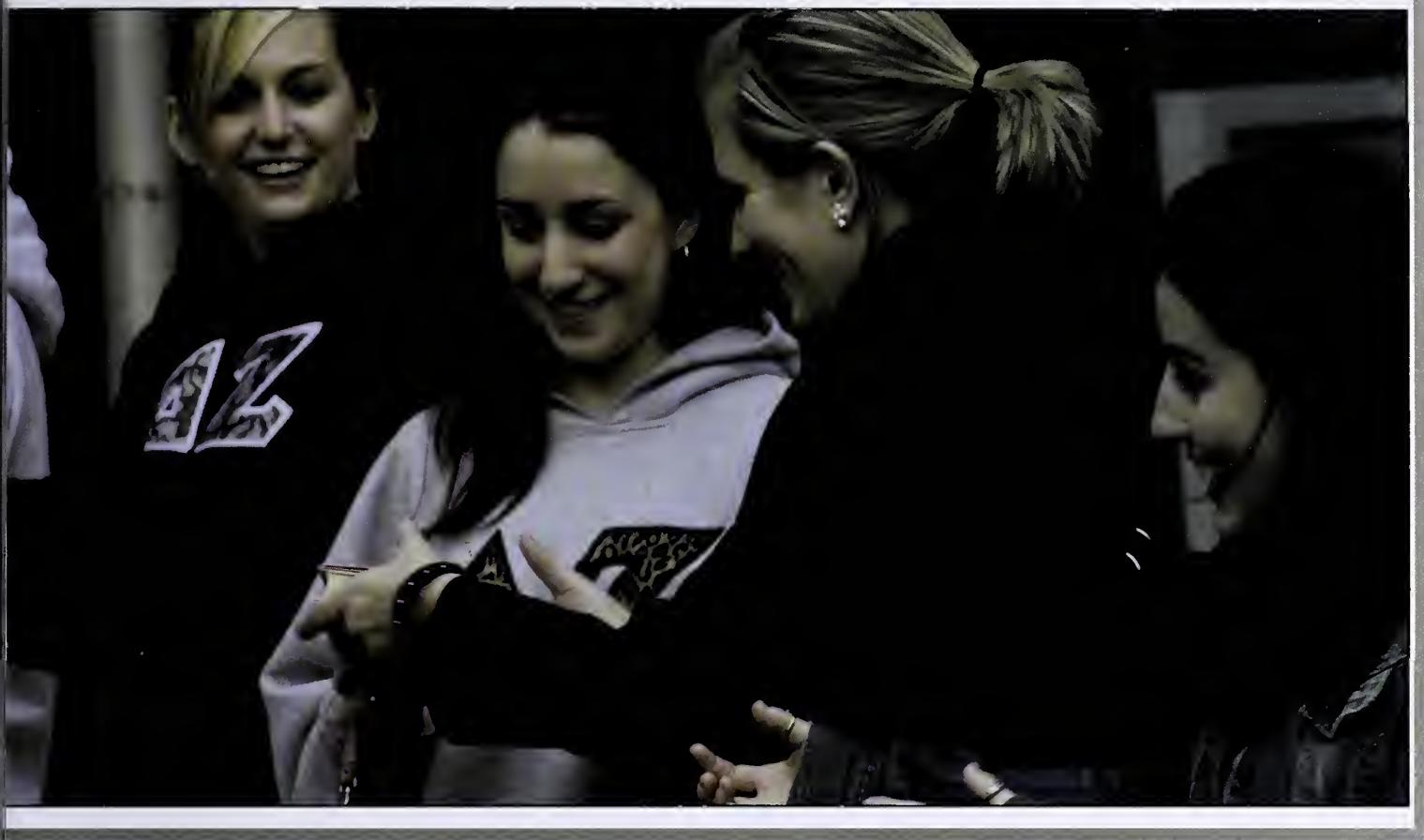
Every November signals the start of a new basketball season, meaning the annual Scotty Wood Basketball Tournament. In previous years, this tournament has been strictly basketball focused, yet it has evolved into a week long series of events promoting school spirit and hyping the beginning of the basketball season. The weeklong series of events is organized by one of the marketing classes, and the committee is pictured to the left, after transforming the Garden Room for a themed dinner serving favorite foods of Scotty Wood. The men's basketball team beat Marymount to win the tournament along with the women's team who defeated William Patterson University. Similar to Homecoming Weekend, the Scotty Wood Tournament brings out the cardinal and grey in everyone.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

2008 marked the 20th anniversary of Muhlenberg College's Trexler Library. The celebration, entitled "Trexler Library: Then, Now and Into the Future," officially kicked off on Sunday, October 19, and the week was filled with various activites celebrating this historic milestone. The Harry C. Trexler Library was built in 1988 and is the College's primary collection of information resources including books, journals, videotapes, government documents, and electronic databases. The library houses approximately 200,000 books, 140,000 U.S. government documents, 4,400 audio-visual items and 800 journal subscriptions, making it a great resource for all students and faculty.

On Sunday, about 300 members of the Muhlenberg community lined up to participate in a replication of an event held when the library was first dedicated in Oct. 1988. At that time a selection of books was passed from the old library (the Haas building) to the new building (Trexler) to symbolize the continuation of learning and importance of books. Over 100 books were passed with "Papa Rakers Dream" by Dick Cowen, class of 1953, being the first book passed since it had been the LAST book passed in the original book passing ceremony in Oct. 1988; it had just been published at that time.





Frexler Library's Anniversary



Junior Amy Bauer passes a book to junior Mary Samot, both are sisters of Phi Mu who participated in this event.

Mr. Muhlenberg

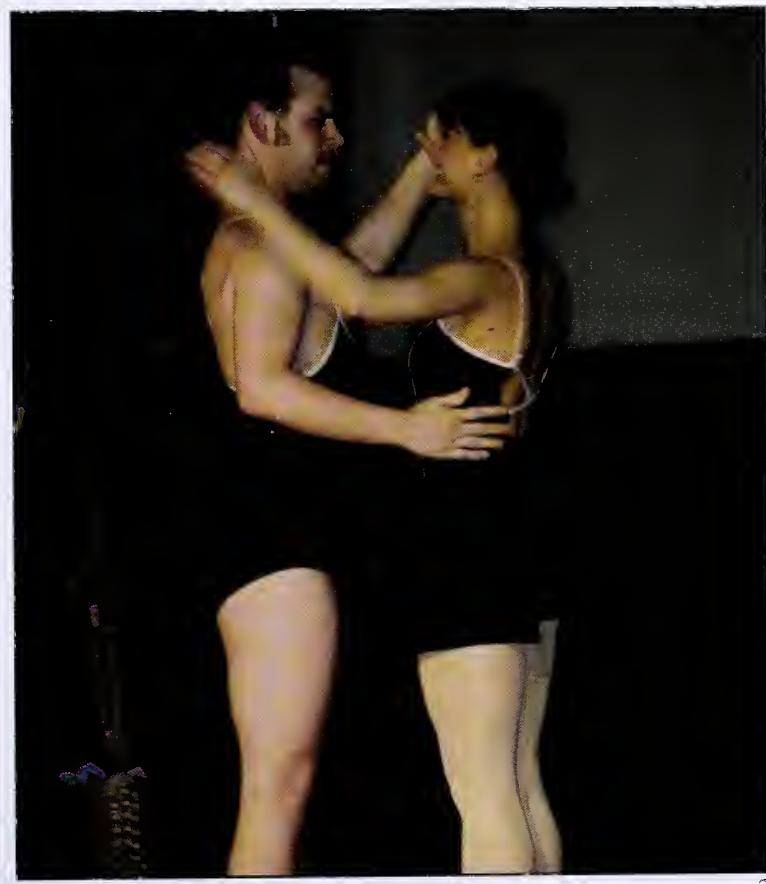
GENTLEMEN COMPETE FOR THE CROWN

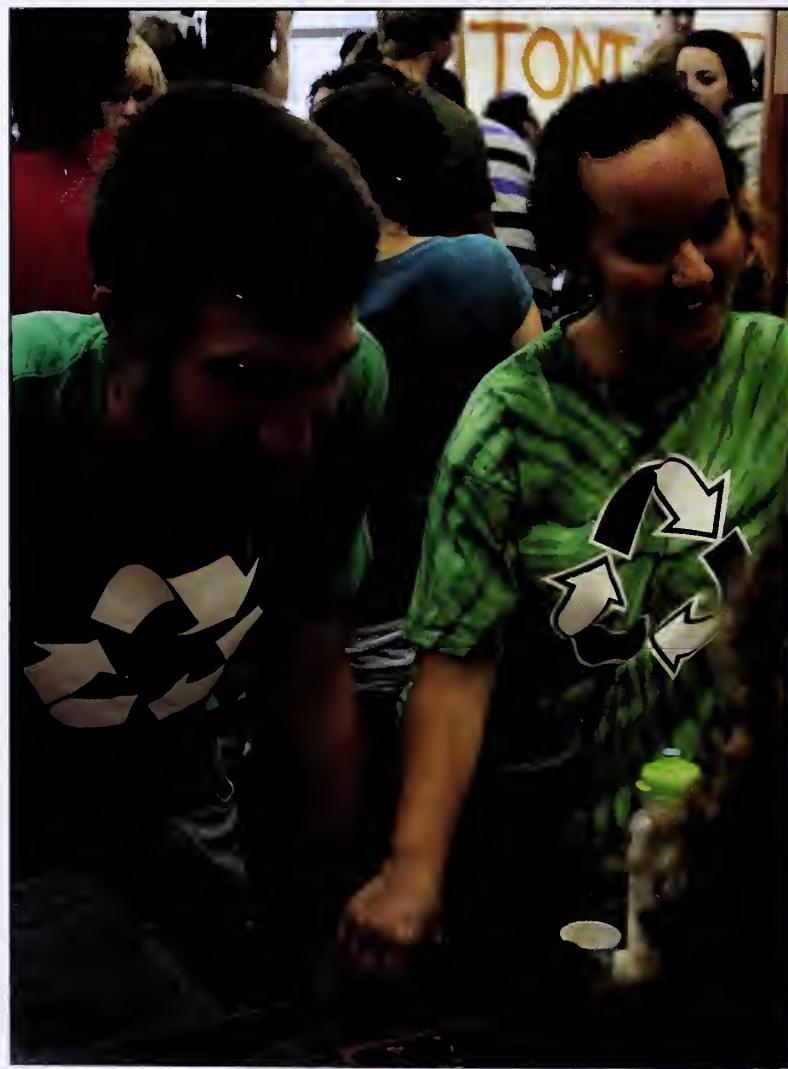
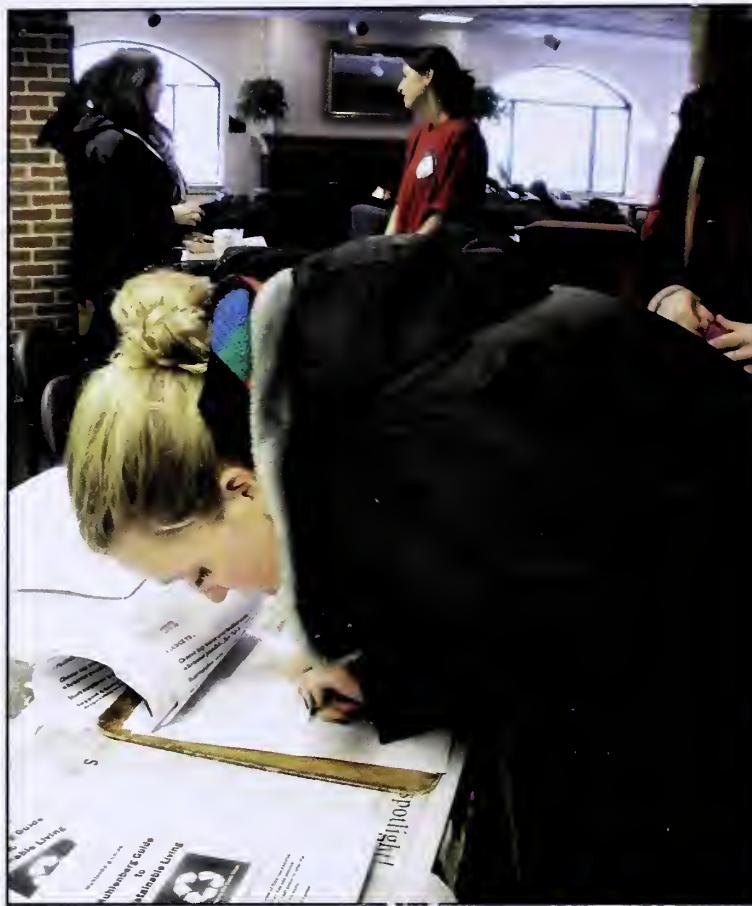
On the night of March 19, the seats of Memorial Hall were filled with hundreds of students and members of the Muhlenberg community awaiting the annual Mr. Muhlenberg talent show. During this competition some of Muhlenberg's finest gentlemen demonstrate a variety of talents and acts in pursuit of the famed crown. This year, the show was hosted by junior Trisha Kadakia and senior Brian Wernick, who are pictured to the right showing off their dance moves, and was put on by the class of 2010. Contestants included seniors Aaron Lawson, Eric Santagato, Adam Sosnik, and Mark Wiseman; juniors Jon Falk, Nick LaFalce, and Peter Smith; sophomore Joel Reitz; and freshman Phil Weisgold. After the bathing suit, casual wear and formal attire rounds, junior Peter Smith was named as Mr. Muhlenberg 2009. For his talent, he spoofed Michael Phelp's modeling his talent act after Phelp's historic 8 gold medals and his drug controversy, who is pictured above and to the right. Congratulations to all of the contestants for a great show!





It was a night filled with animals and laughs, with Mark Wiseman pictured left; Adam Sosnik, below.





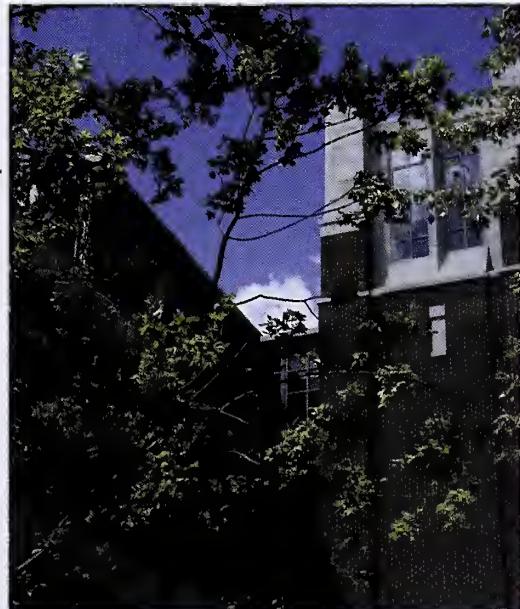


Fighting for the Environment

GOING GREEN

2009 brought about change to Muhlenberg's campus with new programs and initiatives in order to inspire the community to be more environmentally friendly and conscience. With the building of the Trexler Tower and renovation of the Shankweiler building (pictured on the bottom) in 2007, Muhlenberg has consciously tried to install positive changes on campus. The Shankweiler academic building is LEED silver certified from the U.S. Green Building Council, meaning that the building is expected to reduce

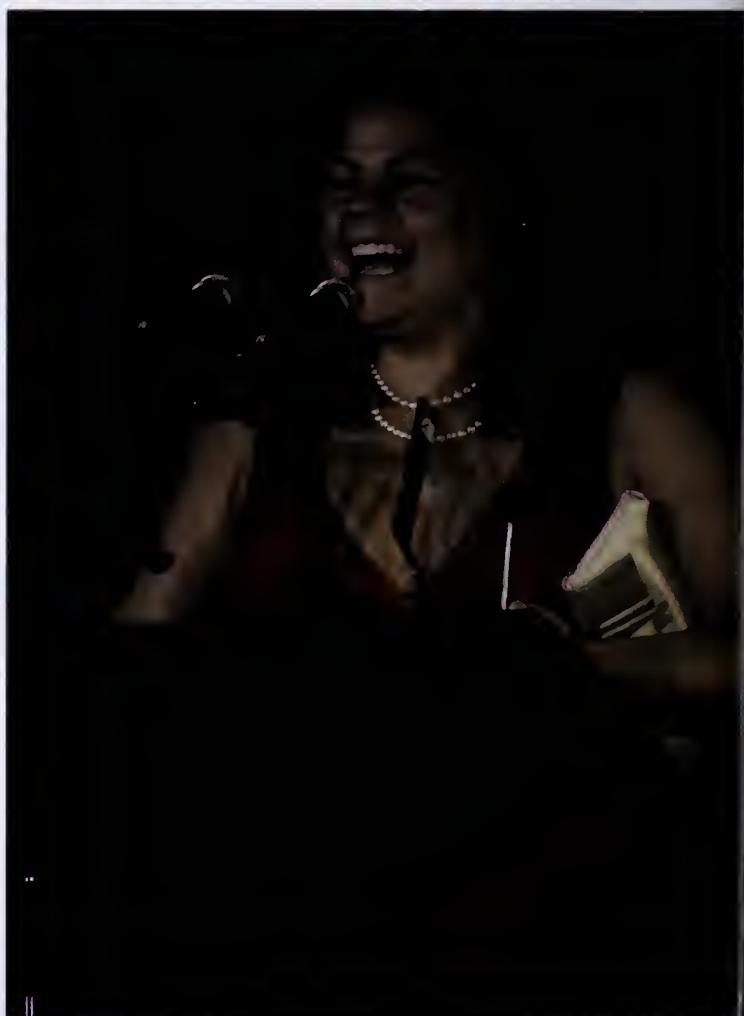
operating costs and improve energy efficiency at the college due to an array of green features, including low-flow toilets and faucets and low-emissivity windows. This year, single stream recycling was installed on campus in order to promote and encourage recycling efforts at a number of events. Antonina Pinette, class of 2009 and treasurer of ENACT states that "EnAcT and the President's Greening Committee have worked hard this year to help make the Muhlenberg College campus and community more sustainable. As part of the larger local, national, and global communities, we have a responsibility to keep sustainability in mind, both as a goal of the college as well as in our individual lives. Some of the initiatives this year included the 'Just Tap It' Campaign to ban the sale of disposable bottled water on campus, (pictured to the right) the dorm vs. dorm energy reduction competition 'Watts Your 'Bergtricity', a Solar Scholars Grant to install solar panels as part of the Seegers Union renovations, bringing the 'BioBus' to Muhlenberg, and promoting 'tray-free' dining in the Garden Room. Throughout these initiatives, our goals have been to increase environmental awareness among the Muhlenberg community and to reduce the carbon footprint of the college."



Henry Awards

Through the decades

Ahhh, the Henry Awards. One of the staples on Muhlenberg's campus. Like many events throughout the year, the Henry Awards are always an evening filled with lots of laughs, good food and memorable performances. It brings together all of the best aspects of the Muhlenberg community. Individuals and groups are rewarded for their accomplishments throughout the year and even the faculty and other college officials receive recognition for their commitment and contribution to the campus community. This year's theme for the event was "Through the Decades" which incorporated music and moments from previous eras including the 1950's, the disco era of the 1970's and the rock era of the 1980's. Pictured below is a photo the Gospel Choir performing while below and to the right is a photo of Donna Ward winning female performer of the year.



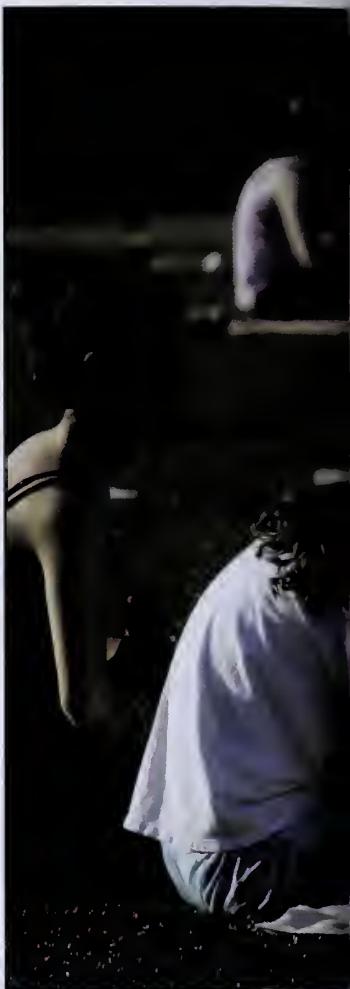


Pictured to the left,
senior Xavier
Olivares announces
a winner.





Pictured to the right are the four co-chairs of the event who put in countless hours to make this event a success.





Relay for Life

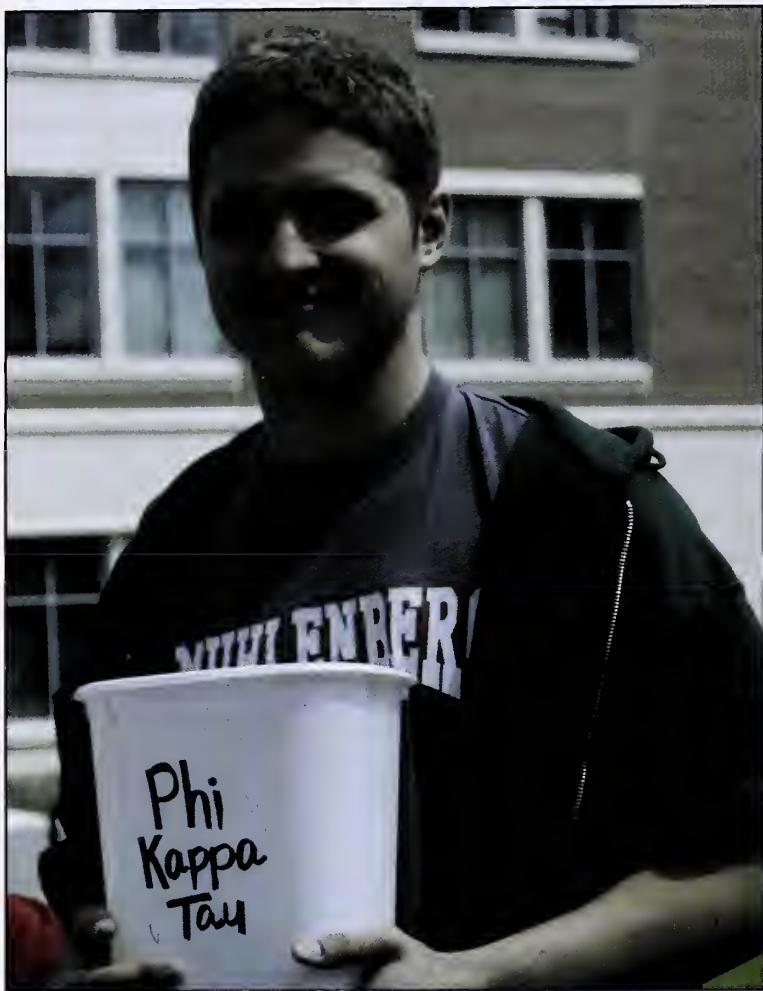
Walking for a cure

Each April, Muhlenberg College hosts a Relay for Life, a walk-a-thon raising awareness and money to help battle cancer. Relay at Muhlenberg is a 12 hour walk in which teams take shifts to always have someone from their group walking. This year the event was chaired by junior Kaitlyn Archibald, senior Adam Hirsh, and sophomores Katie Henley, and Lauren O'donnell. A total of 67 teams were registered for the event with over 600 individuals walking throughout the day. In total, the event rasied over \$50,000 for cancer, surpassing their goal. The event was considered a huge success. Last year, the event was held under gloomy skies, however this year the sun was shining and brought out the entire Muhlenberg community. Compared to previous years, people were very enthusiastic and much more involved this year throughout the entire day and

planning process. Junior co-chair Kaitlyn Archibald states that "the committee contributed greatly to the success of the entire event and without them it couldn't have been possible. It's amazing that we reached our goal, which was 5,000 dollars more than last year, especially with the economic crisis, people were more willing to donate."



In order to encourage participants, live music and events were happening throughout the day. There was a blow-up twister game, and performances by student music groups. At dinner time, two large grills were brought out and there was a massive BBQ for the walkers. Senior co-chair Adam Hirsh states thats "Relay for Life is a unique event because it brings the entire Muhlenberg community together for a worthwhile cause like no other event can. The purpose of Relay is to celebrate survivors, remember those loved ones we've lost, and fight back against cancer," clearly this event accomplished this mission.



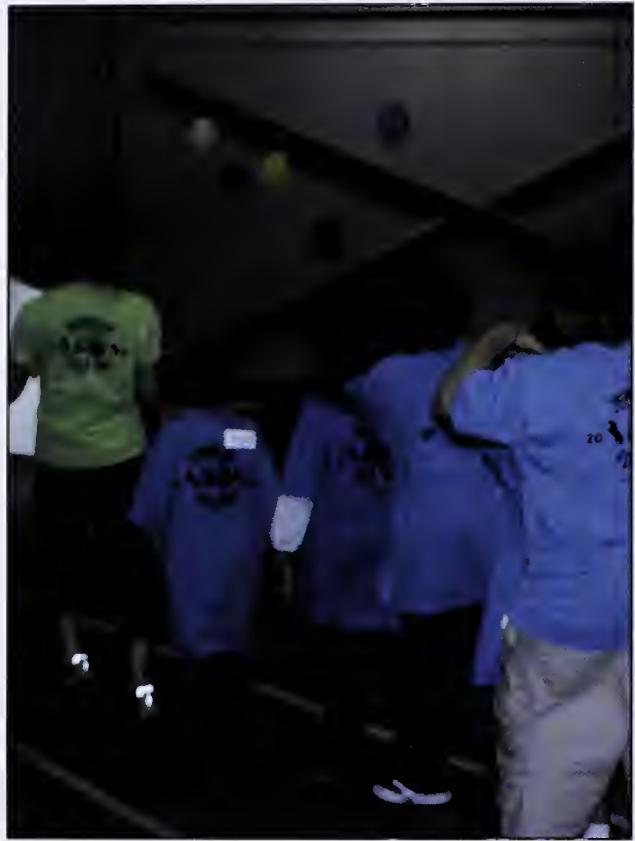
Greek Weekend

Celebrating being greek

After a week long series of festivities, Greek Week concluded with celebrations of activities. All of the sororities and fraternities participated in this event. Events such as a slip and slide, and dunk tank were set up encouraging the various greek organizations to promote brotherhood and friendship between the houses. This event was sponsored by the Panhellenic Association and Inter-Fraternity Association. The Panhellenic Association of Muhlenberg College is comprised of all traditional, Greek-letter, women's fraternities on campus, with the objective to develop and maintain fraternity life and inter-fraternity relations at a high level of accomplishment. The Inter-Fraternity Association of Muhlenberg College is comprised of all traditional, Greek-letter, men's fraternities on campus and this association promotes harmonious relationships, serves as the representative central government of the separate fraternities, and acts as the judicial body for greek related affairs.









Jefferson Field Day

Games, laughs, and smiles

One of the greatest parts about the Muhlenberg community is the commitment to service and volunteer work from both faculty and students. During the year there are numerous community services projects that assist local Allentown residents and help others in need. While the majority of these events are done off campus, each year Muhlenberg hosts students from Jefferson Elementary School located only a couple minutes away from campus. Students from all grades help to facilitate and run various athletic stations promoting and teaching exercise to these young kids. Pictured are different stations that the elementary school children were allowed to try out. Above children were allowed to shoot on Muhlenberg students, while above and to the right is a huge parachute used for an assortment of games. Senior Kathleen Noone, volunteered at this field day and recalls that "the best part about Jefferson Field Day is being able to provide a fun and active day for kids who may not otherwise have the chance. It's so rewarding to see how much the kids enjoy Jefferson Field Day. And what way to spend the day than to run around acting like you are a kid again!"

SENIORS

Through these four years we have all become master jugglers of our hectic schedules. Between classes, homework, and our other various obligations, it's a wonder we have found time to relax. Now, as we leave the red doors that welcomed only a short time ago, we all have a minute to reflect on our time here. Our class has made a significant impact on Muhlenberg, not simply through our hard work, but through our character. Now, as we enter the "real world," there is no doubt in my mind that our class will continue to perform at the level of excellence which we have produced throughout the years. We have all come a long way from our first day here at the 'Berg, and we should all be exceeding proud of ourselves.

Charles Ritzo







Ryan Acquaotta



Janette Adams



Mary Katherine Adelizzi



Amelia Adler



Jessica Alex



Tracy Anderson



Alyson Andresen



Jessica Apicella



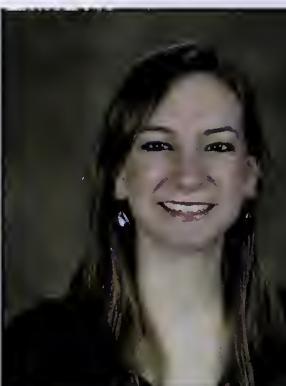
Jessica Aquila



Bradley Auerbach



Rebecca Balaguer



Louisa Balch



Anthony Barnold



Joseph Barrese



Christopher Barth



Emma Bartholomew



Brittany Barton



David Bass-Clark



Caitlin Bassett



Caroline Baumgartner



Marissa Beidler



Katherine Bemis



Gregory Bennington



William Berger



Melissa Berman



Nicole Bernard



Lauren Bernstein



Emily Besen



Michael Bialko



Michelle Bielko



Devin Block



Andrea Bloomfield



Stephen Borchard



Lauren Boyle



Jaime Brand



Andrew Brick



Amanda Brill



Lucy Brock



Michael Brown



Sarah Bucci



Mary Burdett



Samantha Burgess



Hannah Burke



Julia Bushe



Meaghan Byrne



Michael Cali



Joseph Caporoso



Sarah Cappello



Caley Caras



Jillian Carnrick



Brendan Carroll



Dorie Casper



Jenna Caswell



Douglas Cedrone



Gregory Ceponis



Wilma Cespedes-Rivera



David Chorney



Andrew Cipriano

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

"It was a completely last minute decision to do the Washington Semester, but I am so glad I made that split decision. Being in D.C. for the fall, especially during an amazing presidential election, allowed me to intern for an environmental non-profit that showed me the hard work and dedication that truly goes into shaping environmental policy. Luckily my classes here at Muhlenberg prepared me well for the experience and I was able to jump

right into projects that have implications on state and federal level climate change campaigns. The best part was working with volunteers, just regular citizens, who cared just as much as I do about protecting our planet. Much of what I taught my enthusiastic constituent volunteers was based on what I had learned in my environmental science and policy classes. The best part of the semester was helping to organize and be a part of a large demonstration on Capitol Hill about climate change and to meet some of my idols in the environmental movement. I was able to come back to Muhlenberg more confident in finding a job and a career path after graduation. My senior year wouldn't have been the same without the Washington Semester and I feel like a more well rounded student for having done it.





Jennifer Cohen



Robyn Cohen



Ross Cohen



Andrea Coiro



Nicholas Colson



Michelle Consiglio



Christian Conti



Sam Corbo



Christopher Costa



Samantha Crist



Shannen Curran



Hayley Cushe



William Dalton



Jason Daniel



Alexandra Darsinos



Diana Dasilva



Victoria Davis



Jacquelyn Dearborn



Eric Degenhardt



Julie Delaurentis



John Deluca



Rocco Deluca



Justin Demko



Alexandra Denning



Edward Derisi



Melissa Detrick

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

"I am a mathematics major and I went through the education department to get certified to teach math grades 7 through 12. I always loved math and I really liked the high school atmosphere so I could not imagine myself doing anything else. I was also a part of the Muhlenberg Women's Basketball team. I was recruited to play basketball here, and that is what really first introduced me to Muhlenberg. My teammates are my best friends and beating



Bowdoin College to make it to the Sweet 16 this year was by far my greatest memory. Between math and basketball I could not have asked for a better four years of college. I learned so much, one of the most important things being how to balance my time successfully. Along

with getting a job to teach math, I would also really like to coach women's basketball. I know my experiences on the court and in the classroom at Muhlenberg will help me be the best teacher and coach I can be."

Lauren Boyle



Eric Diehl



Chelsea Dougherty



Zachary Drake



Victoria Drobot-Blair



Daniel Dugan



Matthew Eadline



Amanda Ebert



Jonathan Edwards



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Steven Epting



Samantha Erickson



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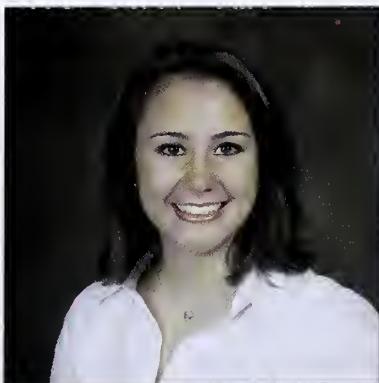
Emily Franco



Matthew Franzetti



Amy Frey



Kaitlin Frey



Matthew Friedman



Allison Gadon



Timothy Ganter



Kristin Garbutt

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

"I wasn't much of an environmentalist before coming to Muhlenberg. Though I had a passion for the outdoors, I'll admit that I was not among the group of students who walked throughout my high school each Friday afternoon to collect the recycling in classrooms. But after sitting through a few weeks of Environmental Science I in the fall 2005, I became aware of the significance of terms like global warming. From this point on I knew that I wanted to commit my Muhlenberg (and post-Muhlenberg) career to environmental advocacy. Four years later, I can proudly say that, due to the work of an incredibly committed group of students, faculty, and staff, our College has made huge strides towards becoming a more sustainable institution. I am proud to have been a part of a movement that challenged our community to examine each person's relationship with the environment. While there is still work to be done, I am enamored by the ability of a small group of committed individuals to change our world. So thank you, Muhlenberg. Thank you for helping me uncover a passion and for teaching me the skills to share this passion with others. Stay Green."

Steven Epting



Sara Gardner



John Gavin



Amy Gibson



Colin Gibson



Seth Glasser



Dana Glassman



Joshua Glueck



Joseph Gogel



Alan Goldberg



Rebecca Goldberg



Sarah Goldberg



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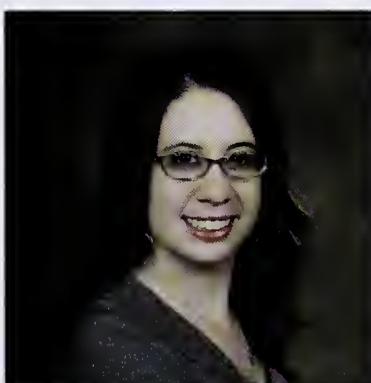
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Lindsey Grom



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Erica Gross



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Jessica Gushee



Stephen Halupka



Kyle Hamilton



Eric Hammond



Dana Harrington



Elizabeth Harris



Karissa Harris



Wendy Hartmann



Laura Hawley



Diana Henenberg



Erin Herman



Joshua Hershman



Marissa Herskowitz



Siegfried Herzl-Betz



Sara Hiller



Adam Hirsh



Leslie Hogan



Amy Holmgren



Suzanne Holt



Thomas Holtz



Margaret Hopkins



Matthew Horn



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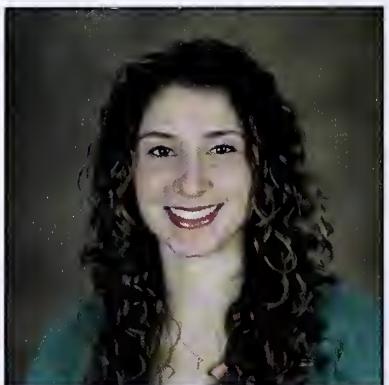
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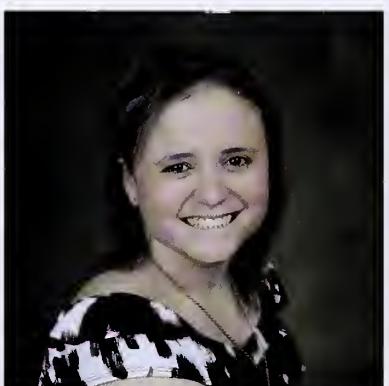
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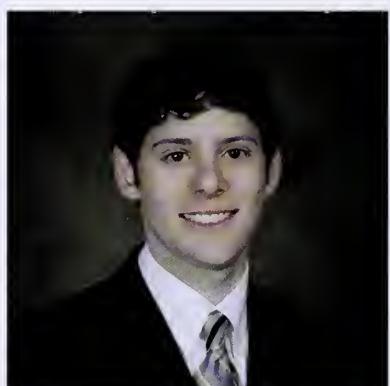
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Daniel Kaplan



Abby Karasick



Benjamin Katz



Matthew Katz



Rachel Kauffman



Seth Kaye



Robert Kein



Geoffrey Kelleman



Ryan Kelly



Patricia Kerr



Lori Kerzner



Lara Kestenbaum



Jaclyn Kiely



Sean Killeen



Jason Knox



Kimberlee Koehler



Sara Koransky



Mollie Korff

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

" I came to Muhlenberg as a dancer. When I auditioned for a talent scholarship the autumn of my senior year in high school, I met Karen Dearborn and Charles O. Anderson. I knew instantly that this would be the place where I could become an artist. My previous training was rather extensive. I grew up as a competitive dancer, taking workshops and master classes with the best teachers in the dance industry. I was weary at first that I should have stayed in New York to pursue my career. However, it wasn't until my sophomore year that Charles O. Anderson invited me to apprentice for his professional dance company, Dance Theatre X. I was lucky enough to be completing my double major in Dance and Psychology while performing with professional dancers on the weekends. Looking back at my career here, I can say that I have truly fulfilled all that I could have done. I have worked with numerous guest choreographers and have been in virtually every dance show on campus. I hope that I have made a long-lasting impact in the dance department. As I embark on my journey into one of the most competitive career fields, I am appreciative of the constant guidance and support that the faculty has offered me."



Photograph by Gabriel Bienczycki

Samantha Jonson



Brian Kosmyna



Dana Kowalsick



Scott Kramer



Dawn Kramlich

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

I came to Muhlenberg knowing I wanted to major in neuroscience and throughout my four years here I never strayed from that course. I came in as an overly optimistic academic interested in unraveling the mysteries of "why it is we as people do what we do" by studying the brain. What I have learned during my time at Muhlenberg College is that the human mind is much more intricate a device than a series of blueprints we can simply read and immediately understand. When it comes to neuroscience, I am very much interested in systems behavior and circuitry but also

knew since freshman year that I was going to do research in molecular neuroscience at some point because I am fascinated by understanding how the brain functions on the "basement" level and then relating it to the corresponding behavior that we witness. The behavioral aspect of neuroscience is what interested me in taking part in psychology research with Dr. Rudski. I wanted to gain research experience outside of my major but still relevant while in an environment that was not a

laboratory. The research I took part in with Dr. Rudski was entitled "Harry Potter and the End of the Line: Parallels with Addiction." "Addiction" had long been associated with a diverse set of compulsive problems. The results of the study in a nutshell showed self-identified fans of the Harry Potter series reported experiencing many of the behavioral correlates of addiction. I took a few things away with me after this research experience. Not only was I involved in a different type of research than I was accustomed to in a lab, but I now possessed the appropriate skills associated with it. Taking part in research slightly outside of my major but not completely foreign to it allowed me to broaden my research capabilities and to see more clearly that there may be countless methods with which to use in order to study what it is you are passionate about.



Eli Kallen



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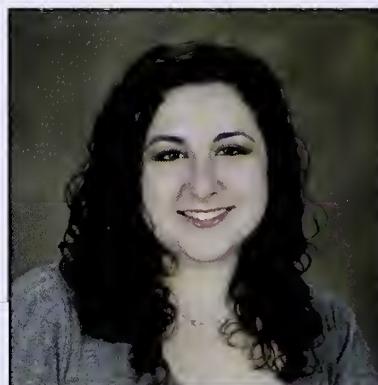
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Philip Lakin



Jason Lamarca



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Aleksander Lapczynski



Nicole Lapin



Justin Laplante



Stephanie Larcara



Kerry Larsen



Jennifer Lavelle



Aaron Lawson



Sareve Lawson



Benjamin Lawton



Rachel Leavitt



Pamela Lehrman



Paul Lehrman



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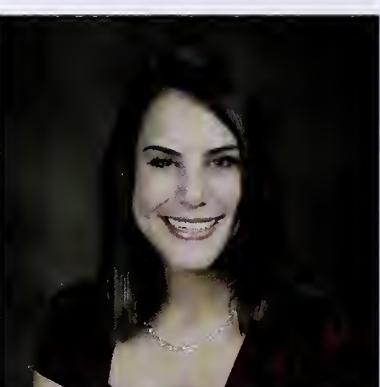
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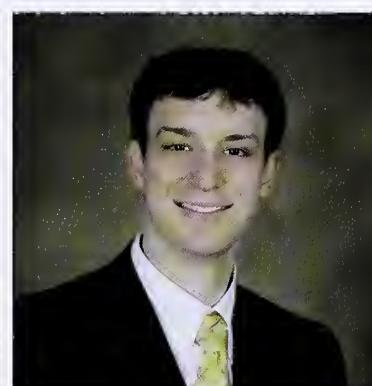
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Andrew Markham



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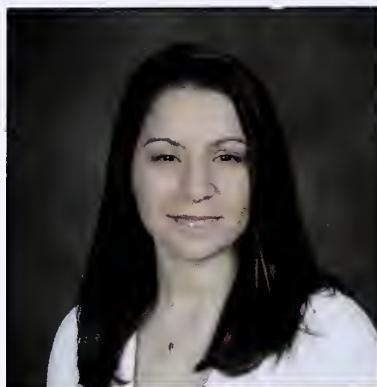
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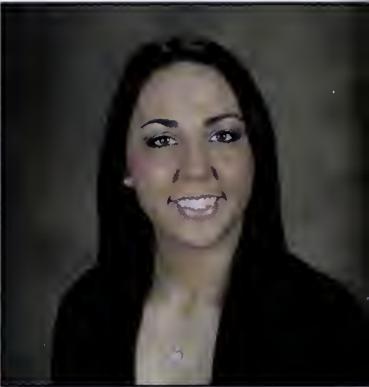
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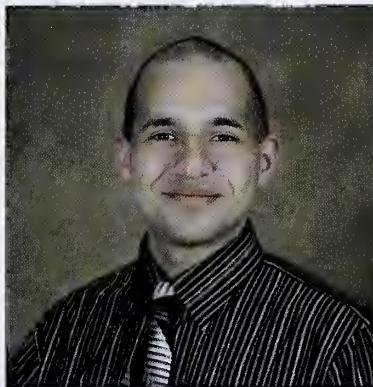
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Kimberly O'brien



Amanda Oldenburg



Xavier Olivares



Matthew Ordog



Katherine Owen



Kelly Owens



John Paone



Dana Parisi



Ryan Paskin



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Caitlin Pawson



Allison Pengue



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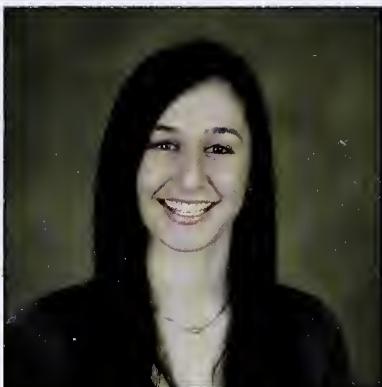
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Jason Rattino



Laura Reese



Kristin Reinhard

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

"Towards the end of my sophomore year, one of my friends approached me asking if I wanted to help start a new organization as well as create a new living option for students on campus. My good friend of two years had just entered into a twelve-step fellowship at that time and I knew that this was one of the best ways I could support him. After a few days of deliberation, we decided to call the house and new organization, the Clean And Sober Environment, or simply CASE. My motivation to take part in this organization was to support my friends and have an impact on this college. I took an interest in my friends' lives and wanted to help them in any way possible. As for the rest of the college, I wanted to contradict the popular notion that drugs and alcohol were necessary to have a good time and help demonstrate that it's more about the people you are with than what you are doing. The most important thing I learned from my involvement with CASE is the power of friendship. Whether it is a talking about the day, studying for a test together, or making a late night drive to Philadelphia to grab a cheesesteak, having company makes every task enjoyable. I have built some strong friendships over the years and I look forward to seeing each one grow even more. I have made some life-long friends through my experiences in CASE. Besides learning how to plan/promote events, organize fundraisers, and manage money, I have learned the definition of true friendship. We shared some amazing times together and those memories will always be with us."

Mike Cali



Sara Richwine



Ashley Rider



Edward Risener



Charles Ritzo



Karly Rodriguez



James Rohn



Alyssa Roller



Joshua Rosenblum



Carly Rotfeld



Adam Roth



Darrell Roth



Kate Roth



Cara Rothacker



Nicole Rothbaum



Brittany Rothstein



Leah Rovner



Avrit Rubin

Maria Ruppert

Catherine Ruscitti

Mallory Russo



Daniel Ryan

Rebecca Saide

Taryn Sallee

Christine Sanders



Sarah Sansolo

Laura Sansosti

Eric Santagato

Brett Santore



Lane Scarano

Gregg Scheinert

Elyse Schindel

Katherine Schlauch



Jennifer Schlegel



Hannah Schneider



John Schocken



Sarah Schrader



Allison Schwartz



Heather Scudellari



Alana Seedor



Kimberly Seedor



Jillian Seeley



Caroline Shadood



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Evan Sheppard



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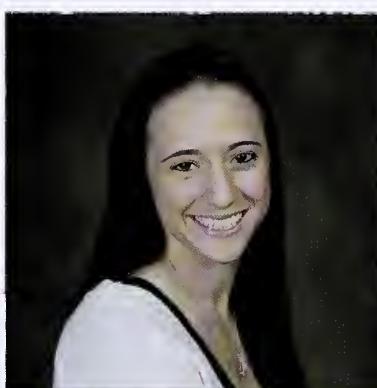
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Catherine Simonetta



Janel Sipala



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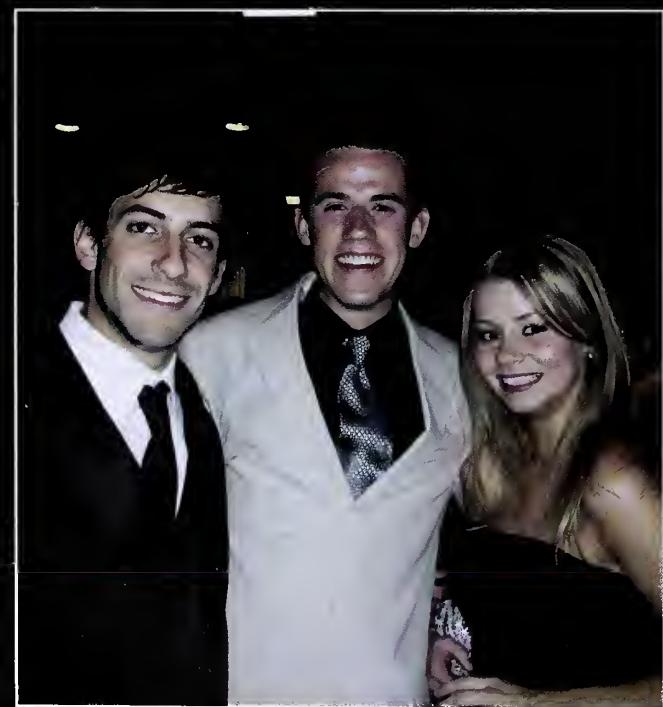
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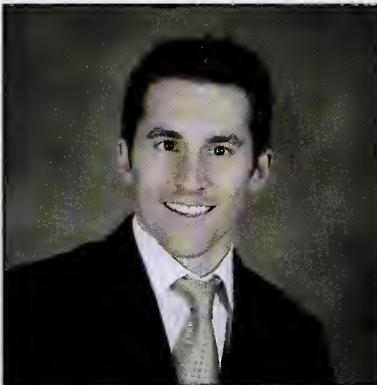
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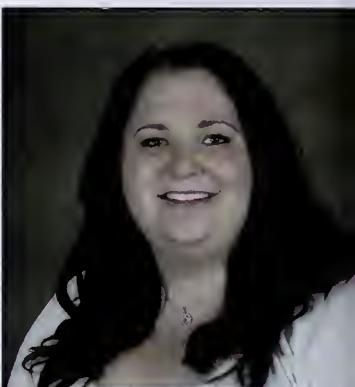
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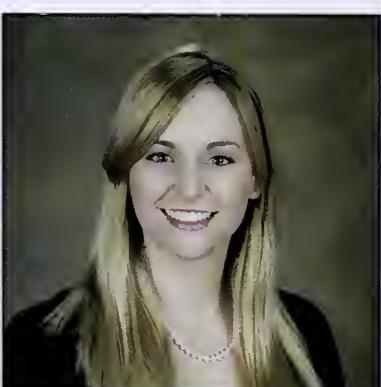
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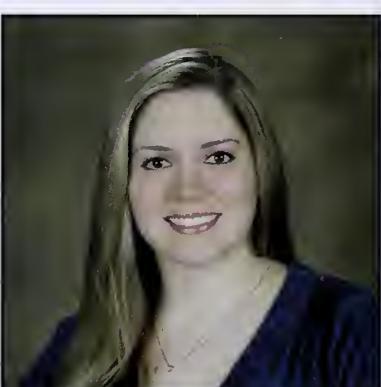
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Dominique Whooley



Alyson Williams



Megan Wilson



Mark Wiseman



William Wishart



Natasha Wisniewski



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Christopher Woolcock



Christa Wroblewski



Gregory Zaccheo



Hannah Zacharia



Brad Zatcoff



Benjamin Zemel



Stacey Zimmer



Alison Zimmerman

SENIOR WEEK

After a grueling last couple weeks of school, there is a week dedicated to the graduating class honoring and celebrating their achievements. Senior Week is a part of the Senior Year Experience, which is a year long series of activities that coordinates opportunities for students to reflect upon their education in ways that will build lifelong learners, aware of themselves and the worlds around them. The Senior Year Experience is the culmination of undergraduate education, inside and outside the classroom, and helps increase student confidence during the transition to the world of work, additional formal education, and citizenship. Pictured are photos submitted from the Class of 2009 at the Senior Celebration.





Schedule of Events

- May 13: Senior Ball
- May 14: Senior Celebration & Last Lecture
- May 15: Champagne Brunch
- May 15: Senior Only Farewell Party
- May 16: Baccalaureate
- May 16: Family Appreciation Reception
- May 17: Commencement



MUHLENBERG COLLEGE CLASS OF 2009

Cordially invites you to the annual

Senior Ball

WHEN: May 13, 2009

WHERE: Radisson Hotel Valley Forge
King of Prussia, PA

TIME: 7pm until 12am

Cocktail Hour to begin at 7pm.
Dinner and dancing to follow.

Formal Attire required.



Senior Ball is the highlight of senior week. It is an opportunity for everyone attending to put on their nicest attire and celebrate the completion of their undergraduate education. Each year, this event is held at the Radisson Hotel in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Guests are first invited to cocktail hour allowing everyone to mingle and say hello to fellow classmates. Following this hour dinner is served and afterwards members of the class of 2009 are encouraged to dance for the rest of the evening. Pictured on these two pages are images from the night and everyone who attended enjoyed themselves and would consider this evening unforgettable.

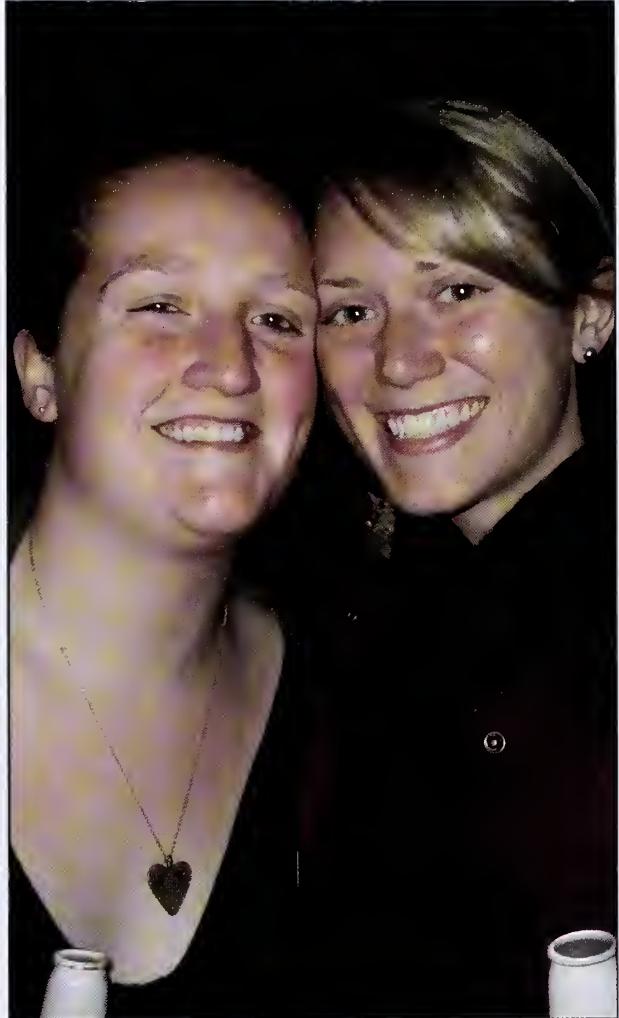
SENIOR BALL

Pictured to the right are a collection of memories from the past school year.

All of the individuals pictured are members of the class of 2009. While each person attends Muhlenberg to further their education, it is the people who we meet who make the entire experience worthwhile.



nights to remember



EDITOR'S NOTE:
Thank you to all of
the seniors who
contributed photos
for this section.

These pages are
filled with your
experiences and your
memories, and I am
grateful for the time
you took to submit
these photos.

ACADEMICS

"All my classes at Muhlenberg, especially my science classes, have given a deep awareness of the world around me. No longer can I look at a tree and just see a tree. I see the biochemical processes taking place within, the intricate role the tree plays in the local ecology, and the astetic beauty it gives to the area. Muhlenberg has prepared me for an exciting career in medicine. The hours spent in the New Science Building have taught me perserverence, helping me reawaken my passion for learning."

Evan Sheppard





PHYSICS

The Physics Department is proud of their recent research projects that include work in areas of experimental High Energy Physics, the Physics of Music, Observational Astronomy, Remote Sensing using satellite data, and Physics Pedagogy. The department is pictured to the right: Dr. Jane D. Flood, Dr. Brett Fadem, Dr. Adam Clark, Merritt Jacob, Ken Snyder, Dr. Judith Parker and department secretary Linda Luckenbill.



RELIGION

The field of Religion is as old as Muhlenberg College, being one of the first areas of study that were required for all students. Faculty members include Sharon Albert, Jessica Cooperman, Dr. William "Chip" Gruen, Dr. Hartley Lachter, Dr. Sor-Ching Low, Dr. Peter Pettit, and Dr. Susan Schwartz, who are pictured above.



STUDENT SERVICES STAFF



The Student Services Staff are a group of individuals who help to provide the best college experience for all Muhlenberg students. These individuals come from a variety of fields and include Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development & Greek Affairs; Sam T. Beidleman, Director of Athletics; Lee Kolbe, Associate Director, Student Activities; Dean Karen Green, Dean of Students; Aaron Bova, Associate Director of Housing; Jan Schumacher, Director of Residential Services; Corey Goff, Associate Athletic Director; Jenny Warmack-Chipman, Assistant Athletic Director; Ken Butler, Executive Assistant to the President; Jane M. Schubert, Assistant Dean of Students; Tom P. Dougherty, Director of Campus Safety & Security; Anita Kelly, Director of the Counseling Services; Beverly A. MacEwan, Director of Student Activities; and Brynnmarie Dorsey, Director of the health Center. While these individuals are pictured above, there are dozens of other Muhlenberg administrators who contribute to not only the college but to the entire student body.



ACCOUNTING, ECONOMICS & BUSINESS

The Accounting, Economics and Business Department, or better known as ABE, has grown to be one of the

largest departments on campus with currently the largest percentage of students enrolled in this major. The department is divided into a number of areas of study including Entrepreneurial Studies, Management and Organization Studies, and Marketing in the Business Department, Accounting, Economics and Finance. The department is composed of Dr. Samuel Laposata, Ms. Catherine Ramella, Mr. Justin Wang, Dr. Roland Kushner, Dr. Donna Bergenstock, Dr. Michael London, Ms. Gail Eisenberg, Ms. Paula Irwin, Dr. Trevor Knox, Dr. James Marshall, Dr. Holmes Miller, Mr. David van der Goes, Dr. Paul Frary, Mr. Jean Simonnet, Ms. Jamie Doran, Dr. Arthur Raymond, Dr. Trish Boyles with Dr. Don Dale, Ms. Justine Frantz, Dr. George Heitmann, and Dr. Donna Kish-Goodling missing from the picture.



THEATRE

Faculty members in the Theatre department include: Tim Averill, Constance Case, Holly Cate, Michael Chin, Karen Connell, Curtis Dretscha, Troy Dwyer, Leslie Pasternack, James Peck, Charles Richter, Francine Roussel, Charles O. Anderson, and Beth Schachter.



MUSIC

Patricia Helm, Dr. Douglas P. Ovens, Dr. Theodore A. Conner, Diane W. Follet, Jeremy Slavin, Annie Petit along with an assortment of adjunct faculty make up the music department, which offers a wide range of classes and individual lessons for both music majors and students interested in music.

ENGLISH

Dr. James D. Bloom, Amra Brooks, Dr. Thomas Cartelli, Dr. Francesca Coppa, Dr. Barri Gold, Dr. Mary Lawlor, Dr. Alec Marsh, Linda Miller, Dr. David Rosenwasser, department head Dr. Grant F. Scott, and Dr. Jill Stephen are all professors in the English Department.



HISTORY

The History Department includes Dr. Daniel J. Wilson, Susan Clemens, Dr. William J. Tighe, Dr. Mark L. Stein, Dr. Judith A. Ridner, Dr. Cathy Marie Ouellette, Dr. Robert Croskey, Dr. Thomas Cragin, and department chair Dr. John Malsberger. Recently, this department was redesigned to introduce the students to the principles of historical study, to provide them with the tools to become an effective researcher and writer, and to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the past.





LANGUAGES, LITERATURES & CULTURES

The language department is composed of Helen Bachochin, Dr. Franz A. Birgel, Flor Maria Buitrago, Gladys D. Carter, Janet Connor-Hanninen, Dr. Kara Danielson, Marcia C. Fay, Dr. Luba Iskold, Dr. Albert A. Kipa, Ilana Levy, Dr. Joan F. Marx, Dr. Eileen M. McEwan, Amelia Moreno, Loredana Panseri, Dr. Lisa Perfetti, Pamela Stilin, Dr. Erika M. Sutherland, Mirna Trauger, Abby Wiener, Dr. Kathryn Wixon, Dr. Olindo Zanchettin and Santa Zanchettin.



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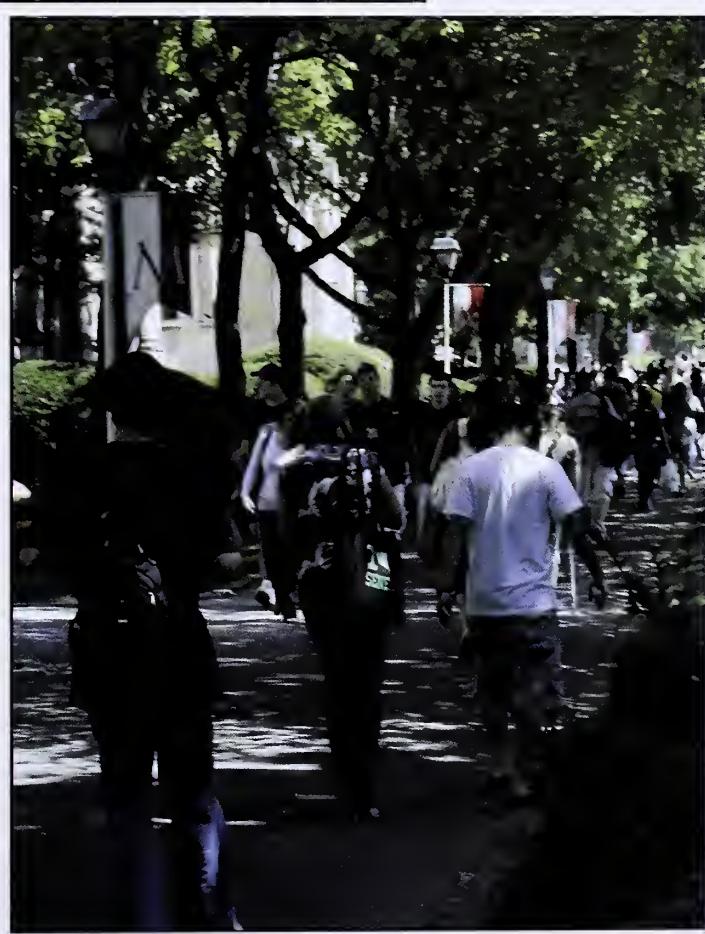
The Philosophy Department has the opportunity to educate every student who passes through Muhlenberg College through their selection of classes that meet the general academic requirement of philosophic thought. The department is pictured to the right, V. Walsh, S. Coutinho, M. Holowchak, T. Robinson, L. Hass, M. Hass (on leave), T. Schick and the department head is Professor Christine Sistare.



additional departments:
(not pictured)

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Environmental Science
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Media & Communication
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology & Anthropology





2009

The Class of 2009 would like to thank their class representatives for

all of their hard work during this school year and throughout their 4

years at Muhlenberg College. Senior Week was one of the highlights

of Muhlenberg

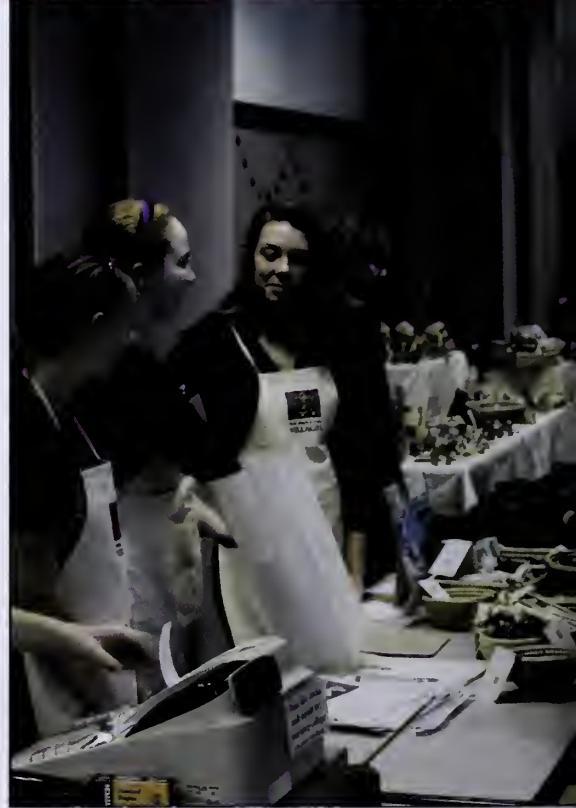
College and could not have been as successful

without these individuals.

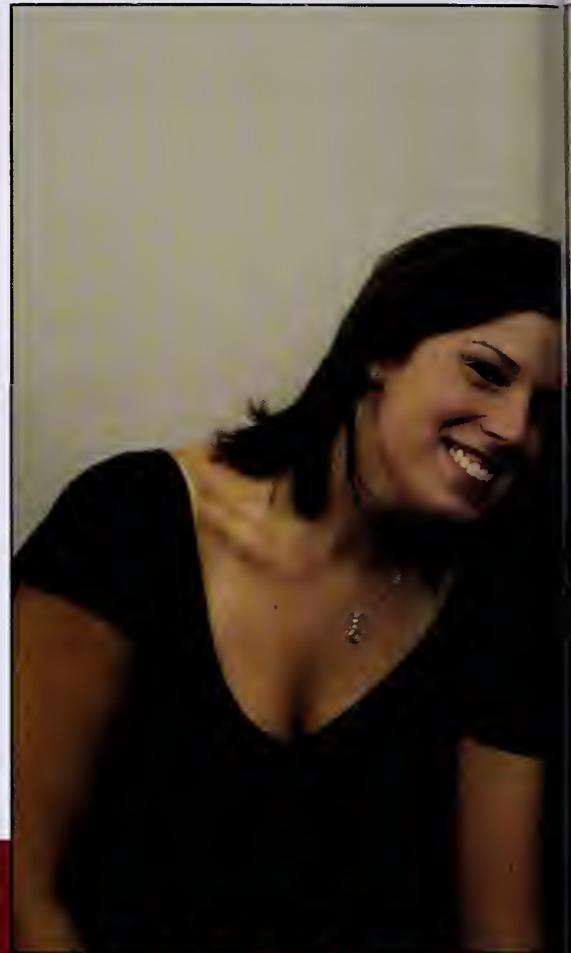


Class Councils

Each class elects a President and seven Representatives that serve as members of Student Government. These members make up a body of thirty three, including the Student Body President, which is determined by the Student Council guidelines. Each class council is composed of a different mix of students each offering valuable opinions and ideas. Responsibilities for these councils include fundraising, representing the entire student body of their respected class year and hosting annual events including Mr. Muhlenberg, The Henry Awards in addition to other events that the councils decide to sponsor. Pictured to the right is a picture of the 10,000 Villages sale, hosted by the class of 2009 which sells goods from third world countries and unique gifts.







Underclassmen

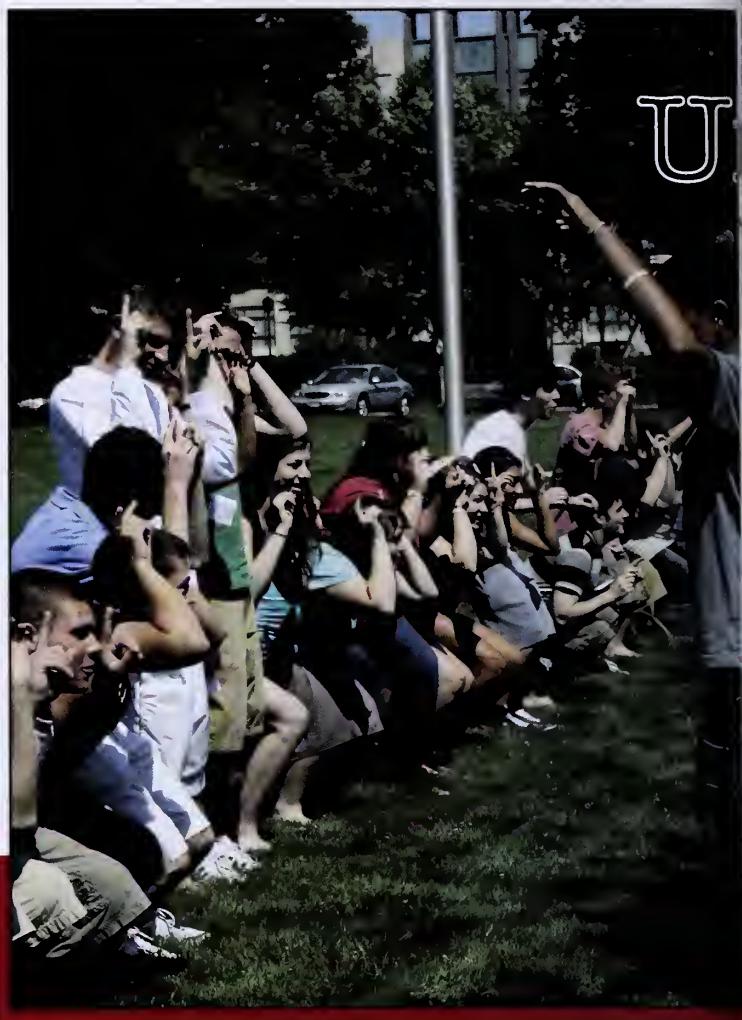
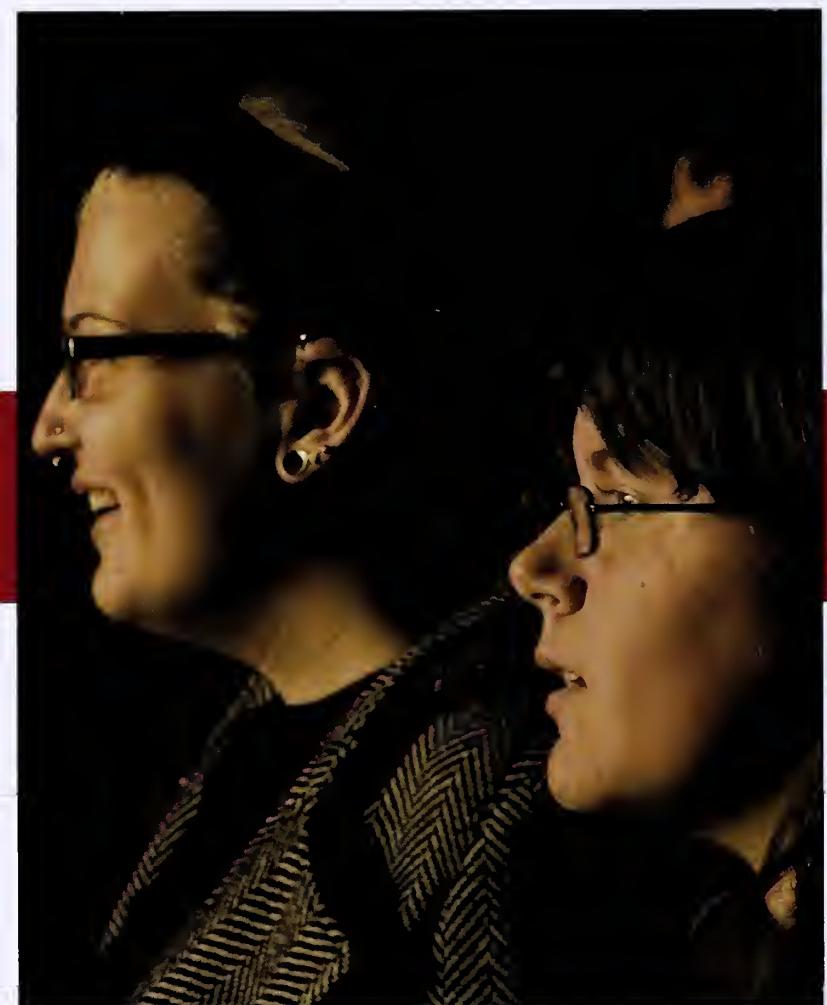
Students are shown here enjoying every moment that they have at Muhlenberg, whether it is on the rugby field, enjoying the local attractions in the Lehigh Valley, such as the local apple farms or just hanging out. Debra Crockett states that

the best part about being an underclassmen at Muhlenberg is "the ability to choose and experience new things. There are so many clubs and opportunities that allow for me to explore my interests and even create new ones."





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underclassmen



Throughout the year, underclassmen help to give Muhlenberg its own personality and are the driving force behind many of the school's anticipated events. From the Scotty Wood Bonfire, pictured far left and to the bottom, to encouraging students to become registered voters, pictured below. On the opposite page are pictures from the Freshman Orientation where students of all grades give the incoming class a welcome to remember.



GREEK LIFE

"Being Greek is so much more than just belonging to a student organization. It's not about the letters we wear on our chest; it's about the feeling we get underneath that sweatshirt that makes it all worth while. I will always remember my first night with my pledge class, where we braided tacky string bracelets. Although it is no 14k gold timepiece, it holds the most cherished place in my heart. I hope that when I grow old I can put on that braided bracelet and feel the exact same way I did that first night with my pledge class."

Nikki Rothbaum







Fraternities

Delta Tau Delta
Phi Kappa Tau
Sigma Phi Epsilon

Sororities

Alpha Chi Omega
Delta Zeta
Phi Mu
Phi Sigma Sigma

The Office of Greek Affairs at Muhlenberg College is dedicated to the intellectual and social development of students through membership in Greek-letter organizations. All Muhlenberg College students are encouraged to avail themselves of the scholarship, leadership, brotherhood/sisterhood, and philanthropic opportunities of membership. Through a commitment to integrity, diversity, achievement, civility, and life-long learning, Greek Affairs strives to produce men and women of competence and maturity who will contribute positively to the world in which they live. Greek life at Muhlenberg College consists of seven (7) nationally or internationally affiliated Greek-letter organizations. Each chapter traditionally holds membership recruitment and education programs in the fall of each year. Students interested in becoming members must meet or exceed certain standards, both behaviorally and academically. Being a member of a Greek organization provides a host of benefits including the opportunity to develop and refine leadership skills, participate in local community service and national philanthropic projects, and form lifelong friendships within an inter/national brotherhood or sisterhood. Members of the Greek system can boast of involvement in practically every facet of campus life and support many campus initiatives. The Greek system strives to provide for its members growth-oriented opportunities and experiences that are consistent with the mission of the College.



going greek...

Examining two different sororities and how they shaped two different lives

The journey from rushing to pledging to becoming a sister is different for each individual. Sarah Gardner, class of 2009 and member of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority states that she "...originally rushed sophomore year to expand my social network, but joining did so much more than that; through Phi Sig, I met some of my best friends. I can't imagine my time at Muhlenberg without being a part of this amazing group of girls. I was able to meet more people, and experience new things through Phi Sig – deciding to rush, and be a part of a sorority was one of the best decisions I made at Muhlenberg, by far." Brittany Rothstein, class of 2009 and sister of Phi Mu pictured to the right with Donna Ward and Alli Kurland both sisters of Phi Mu, reflects on her experience as being greek saying "my favorite Phi Mu memory was the first recruitment event I went to the house. From the moment I walked in the door I knew I wanted these people to be more than just the girls I had classes with, the girls who were in the same clubs/activities and instead share a bond with them that would transcend friendship: sisterhood. Now, as a Phi Mu, I know that our bond will remain just as strong after leaving Muhlenberg and the sisterhood will continue to be there for me, as I am for them and we are for each other." Each of the sororities on campus has their own distinct air, yet all of them offer unforgettable experiences to all of their members.



Muhlenberg is home to the Xi Iota chapter of Delta Zeta. Founded on Muhlenberg's campus in 1984, and originated in 1902, DZ was founded with a purpose to unite members in a sincere friendship, to stimulate and support one another academically, and to promote all aspects of individual and group development with guidance and unity. As a chapter, the DZ sorority is extremely active on and off campus being involved in a number of organizations and philanthropies. The Delta Zeta sisters are actively involved at Casa Guadalupe, an after school program for children in Allentown, and each year hold the DZ Hop which raises money for their national philanthropy, the Starsky Hearing Foundation. DZ is known across campus for their pink and green attire and school spirit.



delta zeta





Alpha Chi Omega was founded in 1885 and the Zeta Chi chapter was established on campus in 1984. The sorority is actively involved on campus with a number of the sisters participating on sports team and in other clubs. Each year, the sisterhood produces a number of fundraisers in order to raise money for Turning Point, a shelter for women effected by domestic violence and for their national philanthropy The MacDowell Colony, which provides support for victims of domestic violence. Alpha Chi Omega seeks to enrich the lives of members through lifetime opportunities for friendship, leadership, learning, and service.





phi mu

Phi Mu is the second oldest female fraternal organization established in the United States and was founded at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. Phi Mu joined the Muhlenberg campus in 1992 and has made a profound impact on the community and the campus. The ladies of the Phi Kappa chapter sponsor numerous fundraisers during the school year sponsoring teams at Relay for Life and raising money for the Children's Miracle Network which is their national charity. Phi Mu's national colors are white and rose and stem from the rose-colored carnation which is the official flower of Phi Mu. In the language of flowers, the rose carnation means "friendship," therefore representing one of the main symbols of the sorority. Donna Ward, class of 2009 reflects on her experience in Phi Mu stating "Phi Mu has given me a family at Muhlenberg. Knowing that I will always have the love and support of this great group of girls is priceless."





phi sigma sigma

Phi Sigma Sigma colloquially known as "Phi Sig," was the first collegiate nonsectarian fraternity, welcoming women of all faiths and backgrounds. Founded by 10 women on November 26, 1913, Phi Sig joined the Muhlenberg campus in 1984. Their mission is to promote the brotherhood of man and alleviation of the world's pain, Phi Sigma Sigma strives to instill the values of leadership through service, lifelong learning, and social inclusiveness in today's young women and future leaders. Each year the Delta Lambda chapter hosts an annual Twister tournament and a "Rock a Thon" where the sisters take shifts and rock in a rocking chair for a total of 24 hours in order to raise money for their national charity, the National Kidney Foundation.



delta tau delta

Delta Tau Delta was founded in 1858 at Bethany College, in Bethany, Virginia. Their mission statement states that the brothers are "Committed to Lives of Excellence" and their motto "Labor for the beautiful and the good" is a reflection of the brotherhood. The Theta Chi chapter was installed on Muhlenberg's campus in 1998 being the newest fraternity on campus. DTD's national colors are purple, white and gold. They hold highly anticipated annual dodgeball tournaments as a fundraiser for their national charity, Adopt-a-School. The annual dodgeball tournament promotes friendly competition while raising money for a worthwhile cause. The picture above shows the brothers for DTD after a community service event in which they performed a neighborhood clean up of one of the local parks in Allentown.

As stated by the brotherhood, the mission of Phi Kappa Tau is to champion a lifelong commitment to brotherhood, learning, ethical leadership, and exemplary character. The Eta chapter of this fraternity was founded on Muhlenberg's campus in 1918, and continues to be one of the more active Greek societies on campus. After a trying past couple of years, PKT has reformed itself and is now committed to their ideals and this mission. Each semester, PKT raises money for the Hole in the Wall Gang, a camp for sick children.

phi kappa
tau



sigma phi epsilon

Sigma Phi Epsilon was founded at Richmond College, now the University of Richmond, on November 1, 1901, on the Cardinal Principles: Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. Today, the Fraternity has grown to more than 262,000 lifetime members, including 13,500 undergraduates on 260 campuses in the United States. SigEp is currently the largest fraternity in terms of undergraduate enrollment. The Pennsylvania Iota Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon was originally founded in 1938 on the campus of Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Tau Epsilon Omega and SigEp merged on Muhlenberg's campus and became the 9th chapter of SigEp in Pennsylvania. The first address of Penn Iota SigEp was 2219 Liberty Street, then in 1958 a new house was acquired. Finally in 1965, the brothers of Penn Iota SigEp began living at 2316 West Chew Street house where the fraternity currently resides. The brothers are pictured above at the 20th anniversary of the Trexler Library celebration, and the pictures to the left are from their annual formal.



SPORTS

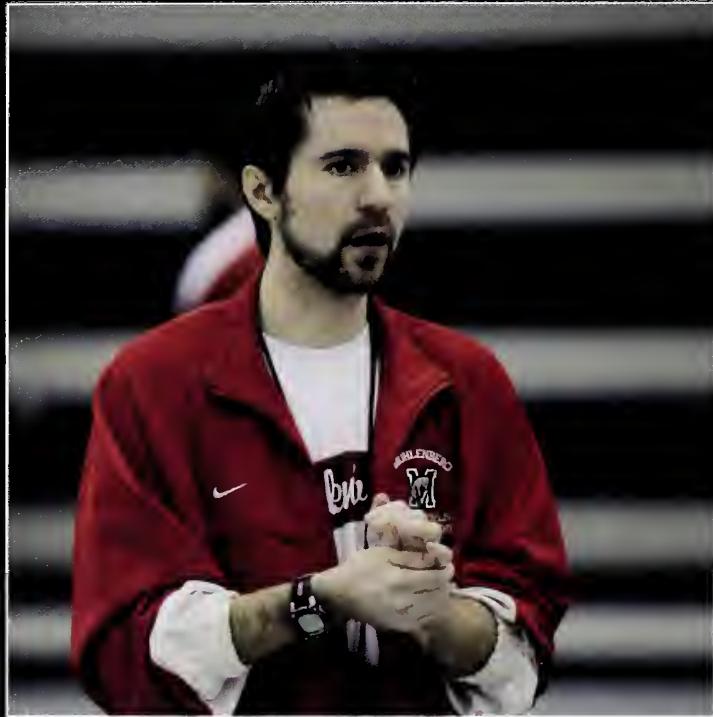
"College athletics was a great experience. In reality, it was a playground for us older kids. Muhlenberg Football and Lacrosse were the places where I found my home within this community. I made some great friendships and even better memories on and off the field. Not too many people can say they won two conference championships in football and were part of taking a lacrosse team to the next level. It wasn't easy. It was hard work. To be honest, that was the best part. Seeing something, putting in the time, going out there and getting it done. To my linemen and everyone else, thanks for all the blocks you threw over the years. What can I say...we maintained a strict diet during the week and became barbarians on the weekend. Cheers to all of you who left it all out on the field."

John DeLuca





Muhlenberg ATHLETICS



Will Elson was named Mideast Region men's assistant coach of the year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. Elson coaches the distance and middle-distance runners, and his student-athletes were instrumental in the Mules' fourth- and third-place finishes at the Centennial Conference indoor and outdoor track and field championships, respectively. Indoors, Elson's runners won the distance medley relay, the 4x800 relay and the mile and went 2-3-4 in the 800 meters. The DMR team also finished fourth at NCAAs to earn All-America honors. Outdoors, Elson's charges won the conference title in the 4x800 meter relay and achieved two NCAA provisional marks on the season.

Finishing the season with a 7-1 Conference record and a 9-2 season record, Coach Mike Donnelly led the Mules to a 2nd Centennial Conference championship with the past two years. His team swept the Centennial Conference awards with Senior John DeLuca named as offensive player of the year, senior Matt Rathbun was tabbed as defensive player of the year along with numerous other players receiving honors.



The 2008-2009 athletic year was filled with outstanding performances by all athletes on all teams, yet what distinguishes this year from many other is the recognition received by the coaching staff here at Muhlenberg. Three coaches were named the Centennial Conference coach of the year while one received the honor of being named Mideast Region men's assistant coach of the year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.



First year softball coach Roni Rivera was the fourth and final coach named as 2009 Centennial Conference of the year. Coach Rivera led the Mules to a first place finish in the conference and to a berth in the NCAA playoffs. Even though Muhlenberg lost in the first round to William Patterson, this was the best season that the Mules have had since joining the conference. Coach Rivera also had many of her players receive post season rewards with Senior RiRi Ferrigno earning third-team all-region honors from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association and other players being selected to the all-conference team.

Coach Ron Rohn led the Mules to their third Centennial Conference championship within the past four years. After winning placing first in the conference, Muhlenberg received a bid to the NCAA Championship where they made it to the Sweet 16 round. The team was honored by d3hoops.com with

Freshman Alexandra Chili being named Mid-Atlantic Region rookie of the year and Ron Rohn was named the region's coach of the year for the second time in four years. Additionally, Senior Lauren Boyle was named Muhlenberg's top female athlete of the year by the Lehigh Valley Association of Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women and announced as an All_America finalist.



FOOTBALL

Coming off a breakthrough season in which they came out of nowhere to win their first outright Centennial Conference championship, the Mules didn't have the luxury of sneaking up on anyone. But that didn't matter, as they successfully defended their title and maintained a national ranking in the top 1 most of the season. For the second year in a row, the run ended with a loss to Wesley in the NCAA Tournament, closing out a remarkable two-year run in which Muhlenberg went 20-3.

The Mules opened their season with a come-from-behind 34-21 win against Wilkes that showcased the "three-headed" monster that would make the offense a potent force all season: DeLuca (167 yards), senior quarterback Eric Santagato (18-of-26 for 308 yards and 3 touchdowns) and junior receiver Phil Cresta (7 catches for 152 yards). A dominant performance against Ursinus resulted in a 45-8 win clinched Muhlenberg's second straight outright CC title and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. But although the Mules rolled up 561 yards on offense, they lost two key pieces (Cresta and senior fullback Erik Snyder) to injuries, and the offense lost some of its potency. Needing to defeat archrival Moravian to lock up a second consecutive undefeated regular season, the Mules lost in overtime, 27-24. Muhlenberg still was awarded a home game for the first round of the NCAAs, but lost to Wesley, 20-0, to end with a 9-2 record. DeLuca and Rathbun were among four Mules who were unanimous All-CC first-team selections. The other two were senior center Mike Nolan, a preseason All-American, and senior nose tackle William Moates (46 tackles, 8 for loss). Santagato and Cresta also earned first-team honors, as did junior cornerback Cameron Ahouse. Senior tackle Mike Gawel and sophomore guard Mark Bigelli, both second-team selections, led an offensive line that enabled the Mules to average 34:24 in possession time. Senior receivers Edward DeRisi (31 catches) and Joe Caporoso (28 catches) finished up with career-best seasons. The defense still ranked in the top 15 in Division III in fewest yards allowed. Floyd (10 TFL) and junior Frank Emmett (53 tackles, 6½ for loss) flanked Moates on the line as The veteran secondary featured Ahouse, and seniors David Mazzola (30 tackles) and Brandon Doyle (4 interceptions). Emmett, Gavin, Mazzola and Doyle all earned All-CC honors.

Confernce Champs for the second year in a row

Highlights from the 2008 include some of the following memorable events:

- The Mules were ranked No. 2 by the American Football Coaches Association after their 7-0 start. The ranking was the highest for any sport in the College's Division III history.
- Muhlenberg ran its winning streaks to 20 consecutive regular-season games and 15 straight CC games – both second-longest in CC history.
- For the first time, Muhlenberg swept the CC offensive and defensive player of the year awards. Senior running back John DeLuca earned the offensive honor after rushing for school-record 1,634 yards and 15 touchdowns, while senior linebacker Matt Rathbun, who led the CC with 16½ tackles for loss and set a school record with 164 yards on interception returns, earned the top defensive nod.
- DeLuca and Rathbun were both named third-team All-Americans.
- DeLuca and junior defensive end Jake Floyd were selected the Academic All-America second team.
- Mike Donnelly was voted the inaugural CC coach of the year.



-Mike Falk



Field Hockey

One win changes a season

The Muhlenberg field hockey team got to experience that satisfaction when it knocked off sixth-ranked Johns Hopkins in overtime. Unfortunately, the 2008 season as a whole was less satisfying, as the Mules finished with an 8-10 record and missed the Centennial Conference playoffs for the first time in three years.

Muhlenberg's season opened less than ideally. The Mules had to move their tournament to Whitehall High School due to construction at Scotty Wood Stadium, and in their first game squandered a 2-0 lead in the last seven minutes before losing to Susquehanna on penalty strokes.

The team had a tough time recovering, starting 1-5, then winning two straight before losing two more. An 8-0 shutout of Bryn Mawr was followed by a 2-1 setback at McDaniel – one of five one-goal losses –

leaving the team with a 4-8 record.

Then Muhlenberg finally hit its stride. A 5-3 win at Swarthmore set the stage for the game against Johns Hopkins, which had beaten the Mules 2-1 in the 2007 CC semifinals. The Blue Jays came in with only one loss (to the No. 2 team in Division III) and with one of the top offenses in the country, but the Muhlenberg defense fought off 25 penalty corners to send the game into overtime scoreless. Just 32 seconds into the extra period, junior Tara Cohn scored the winner.

Muhlenberg ran its winning streak to four by beating Scranton and Franklin & Marshall the next week, but it was too little too late. The Mules ended their season with road losses to nationally ranked Ursinus and Gettysburg. Cohn's dramatic winning goal was part of a breakout season for her. She led the team with 12 goals, including a hat trick against Moravian, after scoring only one her first two seasons, and was named to the All-CC second team. Junior Nic Notarianni scored six goals (three against Bryn Mawr) to become the 14th player in team history with 25 career goals. Junior Kristen Sabia, sophomore Jess Kasza and freshman Jillian Katz netted four goals apiece.

Two members of the all-senior Mule defense earned All-CC recognition. Kristin Garbutt made the second team after recording nine defensive saves, one short of the school record, and two-year starting goalie Michelle Consiglio received honorable mention. She ranked third in the CC in save percentage (.747). The other two also contributed on offense, Julie deLaurentis with a pair of goals and Cara Rothacker with four assists, one on the game-winner against Johns Hopkins.

-Mike Falk





Women's Soccer

New faces brought the Muhlenberg women's soccer team to some old places in 2008. An outstanding group of freshmen combined with a strong junior class to lead the Mules to an 11-5-4 record, with three of the five losses coming to teams ranked in the top 10 in Division III. Muhlenberg returned to the Centennial Conference playoffs after missing out in 2007 and also achieved its highest regional ranking in four years.

The freshmen didn't waste any time making their presence felt: In the opening game, a 4-0 shutout of St. Joseph's (N.Y.), the newcomers accounted for three goals and two assists, with Renee Dessimone becoming the first player in team history to notch a hat trick in her first game. The next day, three more goals were registered by freshmen as the Mules scored three times in the last 7:22 to stun Kean, 4-2.

Those two wins were part of the first 5-0 start in program history. Also included in that run was Muhlenberg's first victory in 13 tries against Scranton, a 3-1 triumph. The Mules outscored those first five opponents by a 22-3 margin to climb to fifth in the regional rankings. Although eventual national champion Messiah snapped the winning streak, Muhlenberg rebounded to win its first two CC games and remained near the top of the standings all season. The Mules all but clinched a playoff berth when they pulled off a stunning 5-0 win at 2007 CC finalist Ursinus in the last week of the regular season.

With a final CC mark of 5-2-3, Muhlenberg earned the fourth seed for the CC playoffs and a first-round home game against Haverford. Two goals by freshmen enabled the Mules to erase an early 1-0 deficit and advance to the semifinals with a 2-1 victory.

In the semis, Muhlenberg gave undefeated, seventh-ranked Johns Hopkins all it could handle before falling 1-0 in the second overtime.

Freshman Nicolette Miller led the Mules –

Juniors and Freshmen strike an outstanding season

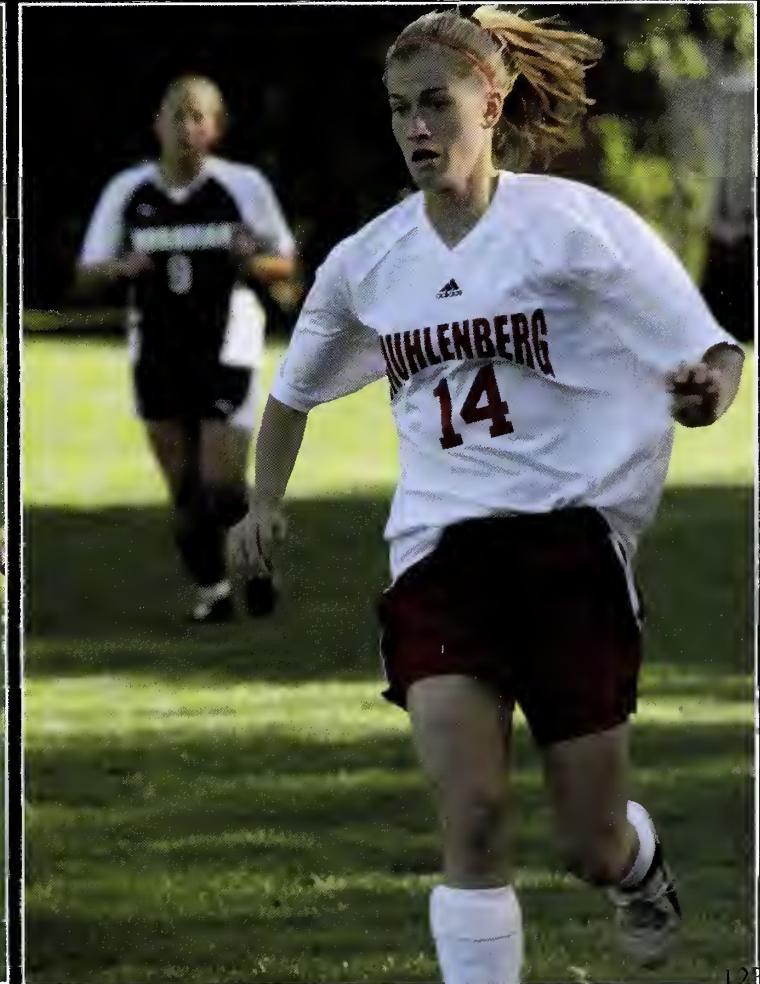
and the CC – in scoring with 26 points on 10 goals and six assists. Dessimone finished with nine goals, and fellow newcomers Meghan O'Grady (All-CC honorable mention) and Jamie Weiss contributed a total of seven goals.

But the freshmen were far from the whole story – there were a lot of juniors too. Junior Kasey Hacker scored a career-high 17 points to join Miller on the All-CC first team. Junior Christina O'Grady (11 points) earned second-team honors for the third year in a row. Junior Kimberly Hacker netted eight points, as did classmate Jayne Condon, who scored the first two goals of her career. Another junior, Jennifer Lynch, had her best offensive season, with three goals.

The starting back three of juniors Samantha Hoffman (All-CC honorable mention) and Ashley O'Grady and sophomore Emily Olson led a defense that allowed only 21 goals in 20 games. Junior Kate Morrissey (1.34 goals-against average in 15 starts) and freshman Michele Toher (0.40 in four starts) shared time in goal.

Mike Falk
Sports Information Director







Men's Soccer

Seniors shine in winning season.

The seven seniors on the 2008 Muhlenberg men's soccer team ended their careers with another solid season. The Mules went 12-6-1, qualified for the Centennial Conference playoffs, and were ranked as high as sixth in the region. And they weren't far off from doing much better – Muhlenberg played five games against teams that went to the NCAA tournament and won one, tied one and lost the other three 1-0.

The seven seniors, all of whom were starters or significant reserves, compiled a record of 45-21-5 during their four years, reaching the CC playoffs each season and the NCAA Tournament twice. After hitting their first four games, the Mules started to hit their stride, winning four in a row, beginning with a 2-1 victory against local rival Moravian. They followed that with a 2-0 shutout of Franklin & Marshall, one of the defending CC regular-season champions, a 2-0 spanking of traditional nemesis Elizabethtown, and a 7-0 whitewash of Gettysburg, which had tied eventual national champion Messiah and would go on to earn the second seed in the CC playoffs.

The momentum was slowed down when

Muhlenberg hit the road for losing 1-0 to Dickinson and tying Johns Hopkins, 0. After a non-CC win at DeSales, the Mules suffered a shocking and damaging setback when they lost to Washington for the first time ever. Muhlenberg regrouped to win the other four in a row, including a 2-1 victory against Drew (ranked fifth in the region) and a 5-1 defeat of Haverford on Senior Day.

In their final home game, the

Mules suffered a 1-0 loss to Swarthmore, ranked 17th in Division III, but they went on to clinch a playoff berth with a 3-0 shutout at Ursinus in the last game of the regular season. Muhlenberg was the fifth seed in the CC playoffs and had to travel to Dickinson again, and the result was the same: a 1-0 loss, this one in overtime. At the end of the season, the most decorated senior of the seven was one who hardly played his first three years.

Goalie Joseph Gogel earned first-team All-CC and third-team all-region honors after recording a 0.75 goals-against average, .811 save percentage and eight shutouts in his first year as a starter. Three other seniors earned All-CC accolades: Billy Dalton and A.J. Barnold joined Gogel on the All-CC first team, while Greg Leischner received honorable mention. Dalton led Muhlenberg. Barnold started at center back on a defense that allowed only 12 goals in the last 18 matches, and Leischner scored a career-high nine points. Rounding out the senior seven were starting left back Andrew Brick, speedy midfielder Steven Tenenzapf (career-high nine points in 2008) and clutch goal-scorer Brendan Carroll (25 career points.)

- Mike Falk



Volleyball

The 2008 Muhlenberg volleyball season started out exactly the way the last three had, but then things went a little differently – and that was a good thing. For the fourth year in a row, the Mules opened up by winning their pool at Moravian's Greyhound Premiere Invitational. And this time they kept winning, avoiding the long skids that had resulted in under-.500 records every year since 2002.

Muhlenberg finished the year with a record of 17-10 – its most wins since 2001; its fewest losses since 1998. Although the Mules missed out on a Centennial Conference playoff berth, they were in contention on the last day of the regular season. At Moravian's tournament, the Mules lost their first match in the Championship Bracket to Richard Stockton, a team that would go on to the NCAA Tournament, but came back to earn the runner-up trophy by defeating Moravian for the first time since 2000. The 3-0 sweep was their first win on the

Greyhounds' home court since 1982.

Muhlenberg returned home to finish second at the Buttermaker Tournament the following weekend, again falling to an eventual NCAA invitee (Stevens) after scoring a 3-2 win against a York squad that was coming off a 30-win season.

The Mules continued their strong play with a 3-0 sweep of DeSales –



Ending the season on a high note

their first win against their other local rivals since 2000. They opened up CC play with an impressive (25-13, 25-16, 25-8) sweep at McDaniel, the 2007 runner-up.

Muhlenberg dropped its next three CC matches, however, with the loss at Dickinson proving to be the one that kept the team out of the playoffs.

The Mules' best chance to make up for the Dickinson loss came in their home finale against Franklin & Marshall, but they lost in three close sets.

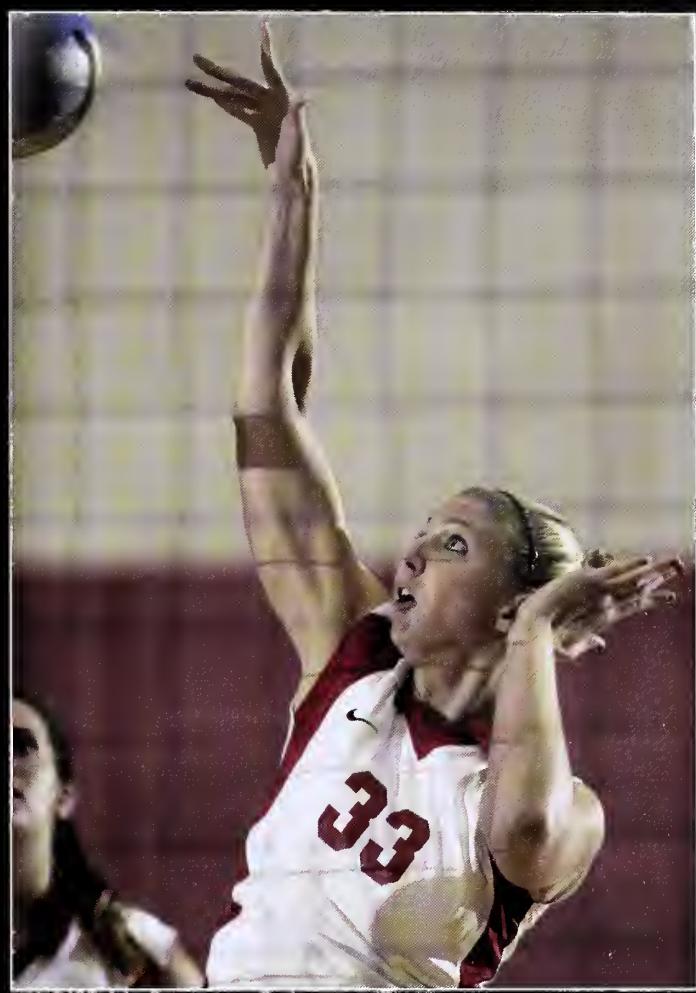
Leading the team on the court was senior setter Megan Eiser, who earned All-CC honorable mention and a spot on two all-tournament teams. She was seventh in the CC in assists per set (7.98) and graduated with the third-most assists in team history (2,229). Junior hitter Phylicia Lee was a second-team All-CC selection after leading the Mules and ranking ninth in the CC in kills per set (2.91). She also was ninth in the CC in service aces, averaging 0.40 a set.

Freshman middle Davi Gordon gave Muhlenberg a program-record-tying three All-CC picks. The honorable mention selection was third in the conference in blocks at 0.78 per set and averaged 1.54 kills per set. Gordon was one of two outstanding new middles the Mules showcased in 2008. The other, Jackie Price, was fifth in the CC in blocks (0.75 per set) and was named CC player of the week after hitting .688 in the sweep of McDaniel.

Juniors Liz Dean and Brittany Williams were second and third, respectively, on the team in kills, while Williams was second in digs. Junior libero Christina Cangelosi was sixth in the CC in digs per set (3.79), and senior Danielle Losonci ended her career by averaging 2.62 digs.

Mike F.

Sports Information Director





Cross Country

Fast times and high finishes

VanSyckle, Chorney and Mahoney isn't a law, but a trio who can make a strong case that the Muhlenberg cross country teams had a solid 2008 season. In a field of 270 runners, VanSyckle (left) was 10th and Chorney 10th at the Paul Short Run. It was the second straight year both placed in the top 10. Understatement. Senior Timothy VanSyckle was the best Muhlenberg runner across the finish line in every race he lined up for. In every race he completed, senior David Chorney was the second Mule across the line.

Sophomore Kate Mahoney emerged as the top runner for the women's team, setting the pace for the Mules in every race but the first. The men wound up 10th at the Centennial Conference Championships, snapping a streak of eight consecutive top-four finishes, and 10th at the NCAA Mideast Regional, their 10th straight top-10 showing. The women placed in the top 15 in the region for the sixth year in a row and were 10th at the CC meet.

Van Syckle and Chorney made history by winning their third bids to the NCAA Division III Championships. Both were members of the Muhlenberg team that qualified in 2006, and both earned individual berths in both 2007 and 2008.

VanSyckle made the field by finishing seventh at the Mideast Regional, posting the highest place ever by a Muhlenberg male runner, while Chorney was 20th. The two seniors represented well at the national meet in Hanover, Ind., both posting career-best finishes – 99th for VanSyckle and 116th for Chorney – in their third try.

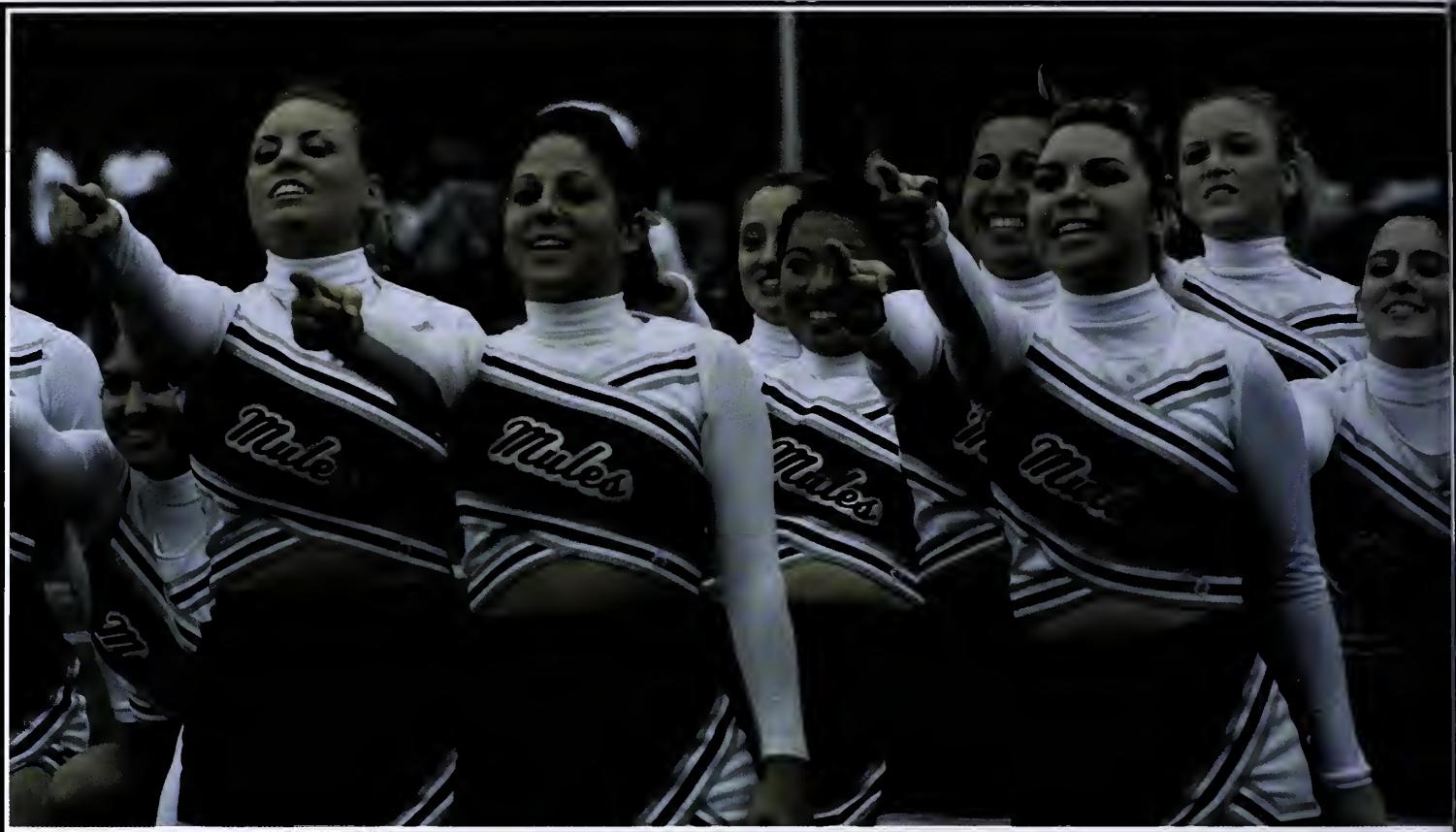
The Muhlenberg teams enjoyed success at their only "home" meet, with both winning the Mule/Falcon Classic for the first time since 1997. The men placed seven runners in the top 10 to win by 27 points, and the women enjoyed an even bigger margin of victory, 32 points.

The men went on to come in fourth out of 41 complete teams at the prestigious Paul Short Run, beating two Division I squads, a host of Division II outfits, and a pair of Division III teams ranked higher in the region. In the final tuneup for the CC Championships, the women's team came in fifth at Lafayette's Leopard Invitational, coming in ahead of three teams from higher divisions.

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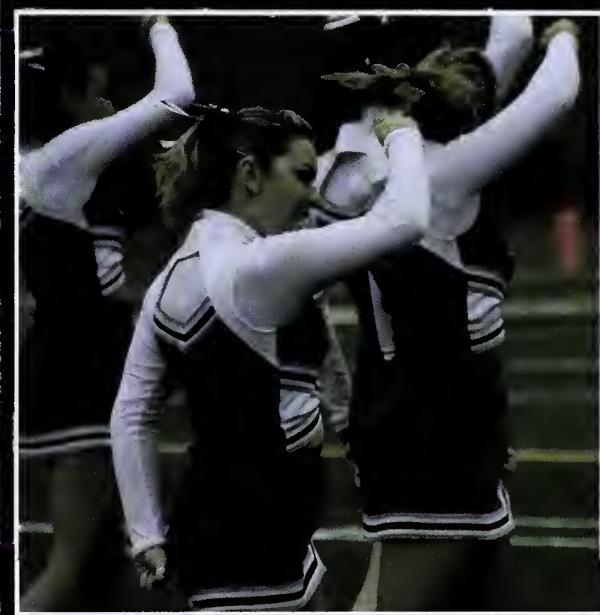
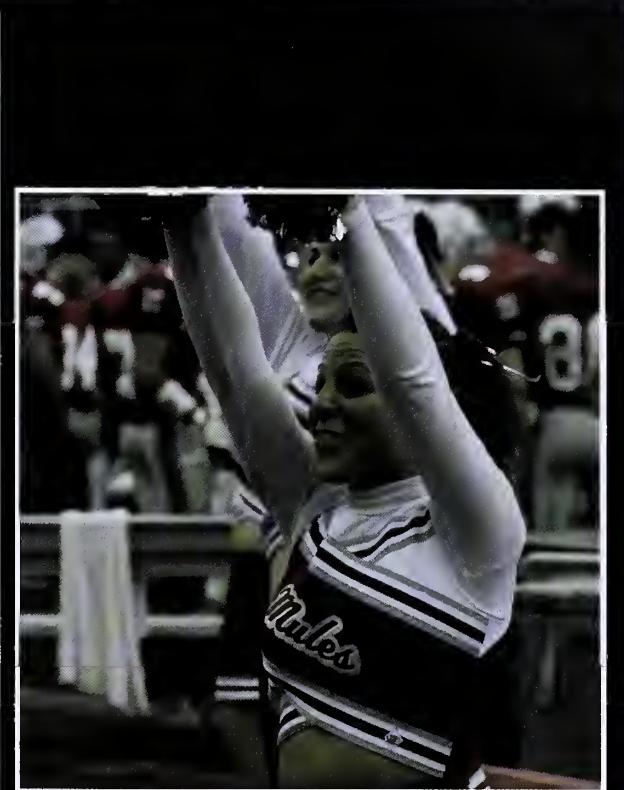




Cheerleading

Just can't hide that Muhlenberg pride

The Muhlenberg College cheerleaders are an enthusiastic, dynamic group whose mission is to carry the MULE spirit in support of 'Berg teams, fans and the entire Muhlenberg community. Muhlenberg fields a small competitive coed squad. Primary cheering events are many football games (all home and several away games) and men's and women's 2007 cheer team home basketball games as well as occasional participation in special programs and celebrations. Like most Muhlenberg students, the cheer team members are involved in many aspects of college life. Dorothy Martin, a senior and member of the Muhlenberg Cheerleaders for the past four years reflects on her experience as a cheerleader saying "the muhlenberg cheerleading squad has really given me the chance to be an active member of our school community. I have truly enjoyed these past four years and I couldn't have imagined my college career without this team as a part of my life. "



Men's Basketball

Seniors lead the team to playoffs

The 2008-09 season marked the end of an era for Muhlenberg men's basketball, as head coach Dave Madeira retired after 22 seasons and a school-record 311 wins. But it may also have marked a beginning, as the Mules signaled their return to prominence in the Centennial Conference with a solid season.

Muhlenberg ended with a record of 16-11 and finished fourth in the CC – both bests for the program since 2002. The Mules started the season by winning the Scotty Wood Tournament in impressive fashion, defeating Marymount 70-49 in the championship game. The Mules wound up fourth in Division III in field-goal percentage defense (.384) and 20th in both rebound margin (plus-6.1) and blocked shots per game (4.6).

After starting out 5-3 (including Madeira's 300th win), the Mules embarked on the bulk of their CC schedule with a string of close games. Their first six CC contests of 2009 – three wins and three losses – were decided by a total of 24 points. One of the games was a 64-57 win against Johns Hopkins, Muhlenberg's first at home vs. the Blue Jays since 1987. Playing a rare Monday night CC game, Muhlenberg set school and CC records by going a perfect 26-for-26 from the foul line in a 73-65 win at Swarthmore. The two teams broke a Division III mark by combining for 38-for-39 shooting.

The Mules entered the month of February only 6-6 in the CC but won their next five league games to clinch a playoff berth. Included in the run were close road wins at Haverford (three points), Gettysburg (four points) and Johns Hopkins (two points), the latter two won with second-half comebacks. During the streak, Muhlenberg held five straight opponents under 60 points for the first time in the shot-clock era.

In the last game of the regular season, the Mules went on an 11-1 run over the last 2:57 of regulation to force overtime, although Ursinus went on to win.

That made Muhlenberg the fourth seed for the CC playoffs with an opportunity to host Haverford.

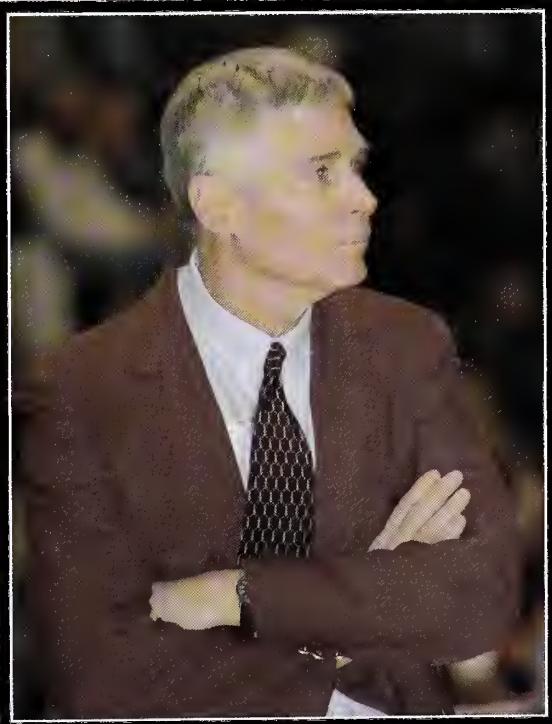
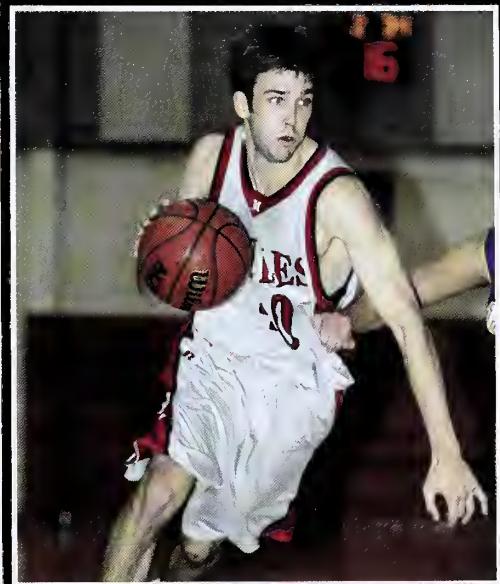
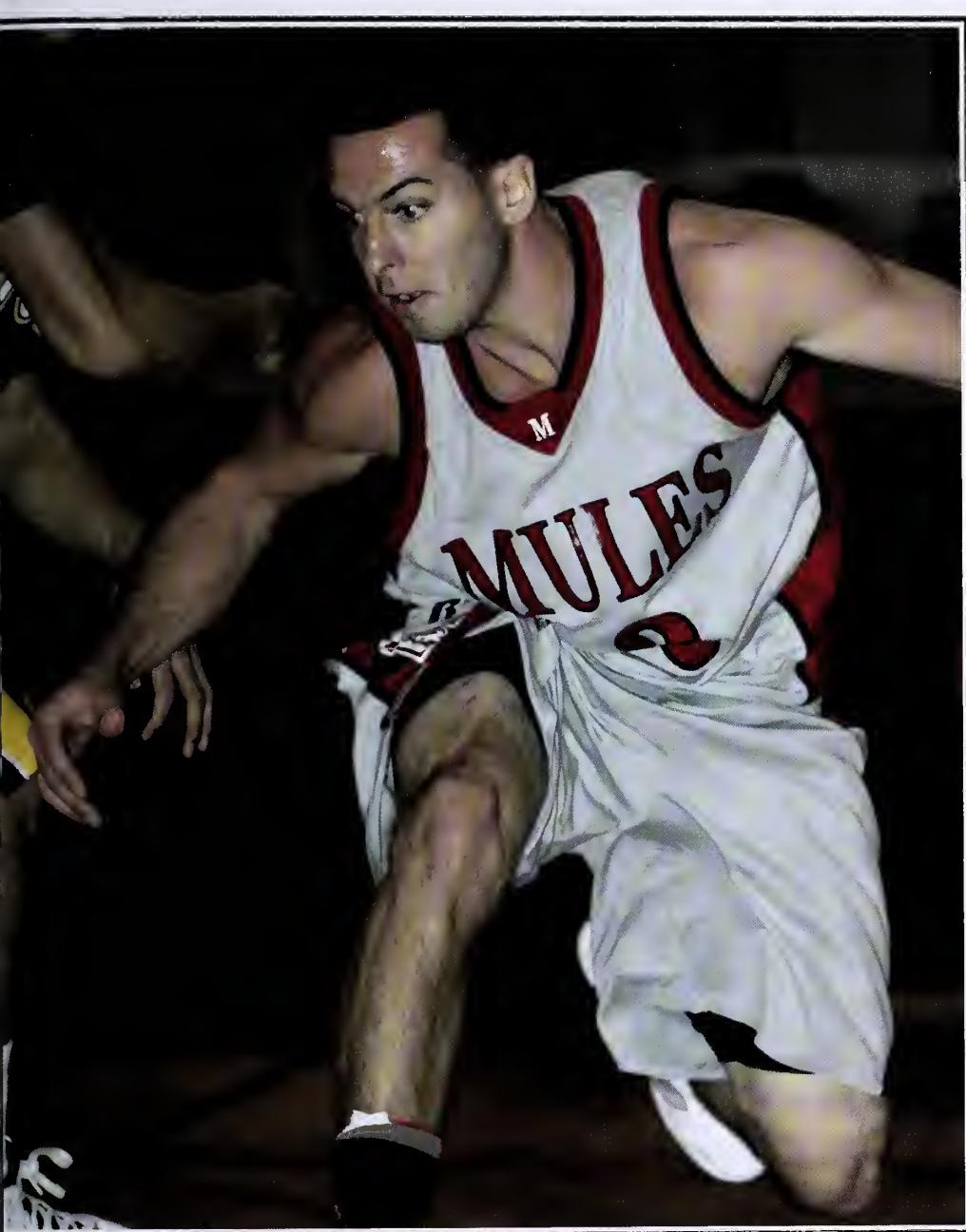
Two teams nationally ranked in defensive categories played a typically close, low-scoring game. The Mules did not make a field goal in the last 14 minutes, but got two free throws from senior Mike Bernardini with 1:24 left for a 52-51 victory. The season ended in the CC semifinals with an 87-77 loss at Franklin & Marshall. With the exception of starting point guard Chris MacIntosh, who led the team in assists and steals, the four seniors (including Darrell Roth and Tim Murray) were primarily reserves, with none averaging more than Bernardini's 5.2 points per game. Muhlenberg's top player was junior Peter Barnes, who emerged as one of the top big men in the CC. The second-team All-CC center and Scotty Wood Tournament MVP led the Mules in scoring (12.1 points per game), rebounding (8.8 per game), field-goal percentage (.579) and blocked shots (50) and was an imposing presence in the middle.

Two other forwards received All-CC honorable mention. Junior Ryan Foster averaged 11.5 points, led the team with 56 three-pointers and ranked among the team leaders in almost every category. Spencer Liddic, only the eighth freshman in CC

history to earn all-conference honors, was the Mules' top scorer in CC games, averaging 13.1 points, and averaged 11.6 points and 7.1 rebounds overall. Sophomore Evan Tozer (7.9 ppg) and juniors Brian Frankoski (5.3 ppg, 72 assists) and Zachary Rosenberg (4.9 ppg) also had their best seasons to date.

Mike Falk





Coach Dave Madeira (pictured to the right) is retiring this year after compiling a career record of 311-247 in 22 seasons as head men's basketball coach. He is Muhlenberg's most winning coach with over 300 wins. Under Madeira's coaching, Muhlenberg won two Centennial Conference championships and won or shared CC East Division titles in eight of the 10 years in which the CC had divisions. The Mules received bids to the NCAA Division III Tournament in both 1995 and 1998.

Kelly McKeon pictured right made the All-CC first team.

She averaged 12.4 points, 4.97 assists and, incredibly for a 5-6 point guard, a team-leading 8.5 rebounds per game. McKeon was ninth in Division III in assist-to-turnover ratio.



hen's Basketball

Winning comes naturally

The perfect season. That's the best way to describe the Muhlenberg women's basketball team's tremendous 2008-09 year. It was perfect on the court, where the Mules made history as the first team to go undefeated through the Centennial Conference regular season and postseason. And it was perfect in the hearts and minds of the players, a close-knit group who extended their time together more than any previous Muhlenberg team. The Mules finished with a record of 26-4, tying the school and CC record for wins in a season, set in 2006. The freshmen on that team were seniors this time around and ended their careers with an impressive record of 92-21.

After winning its third CC championship in four years, Muhlenberg advanced to the "Sweet 16" of the NCAA Division III Tournament for the first time in history. Muhlenberg finished the year ranked 14th by D3Hoops.com and 15th by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association – its highest postseason ranking ever. The Mules opened their campaign by capturing the Scotty Wood Tournament with double-digit wins against St. Elizabeth and William Paterson, then began to play with a 72-63 win at Gettysburg that established a couple of trends that would recur throughout the season.

With the top seed for the CC playoffs already clinched, Muhlenberg ended the regular season with three difficult road games, the first two against teams rambling to make the playoffs. After winning at Johns Hopkins, 63-54, the Mules escaped at Dickinson, 67-65, when a last-second desperation shot from halfcourt hit the back of the iron. That set the stage for the most dramatic game of the season. Eeking to finish the first 18-0 season in CC women's basketball history, Muhlenberg trailed Ursinus by 15 points in the first half and by 10 with 7:07 left.

Spearheaded by McKeon's triple-double (13 points, 11 rebounds, 10 assists), the Mules came back to win by scoring the last eight points of the game. Chili's three-pointer with 1.2 seconds left put the stamp on the 68-65 victory. The final CC standings showed Muhlenberg seven games ahead of five teams that tied for second place. And the CC playoffs affirmed that the Mules were the best team in the league by a wide margin. Playing on its home court, Muhlenberg toppled McDaniel by 16 points and Johns Hopkins by 21 to win its fifth CC championship.

The Mules began the NCAA Tournament with an 80-63 win against Westfield State, then tackled a Bowdoin squad that entered the game 31-0 all-time in NCAA and conference home games. Playing in front of a loud, mostly hostile crowd, Muhlenberg took a 58-48 lead with 5:26 left but failed to score the rest of the game. The Polar Bears cut the gap to one point and missed a potential game-winning shot from the corner in the last few seconds of regulation.

The 58-57 victory put the Mules in the "Sweet 16" for the first time, but their run ended there with an 82-70 loss to Brandeis at Amherst. Lauren Boyle earned All-America honorable mention for the second straight year and All-CC first-team honors for the third year after averaging 14.0 points. She finished her career second on the Mules' all-time lists in points (1,505) and field goals (603), fourth in assists (282) and fifth in free throws (258).

Chili, the D3Hoops.com regional rookie of the year, led the Mules in scoring at 16.0 points per game, setting school records for points in a season (480), three-pointers in a season (96) and assists by a freshman in a season (118). McSherry was recognized for her defensive prowess for the second straight year, earning All-CC honorable mention. The Mules' all-time leader with 164 blocked shots, she averaged 6.6 points and 6.2 rebounds as a senior.



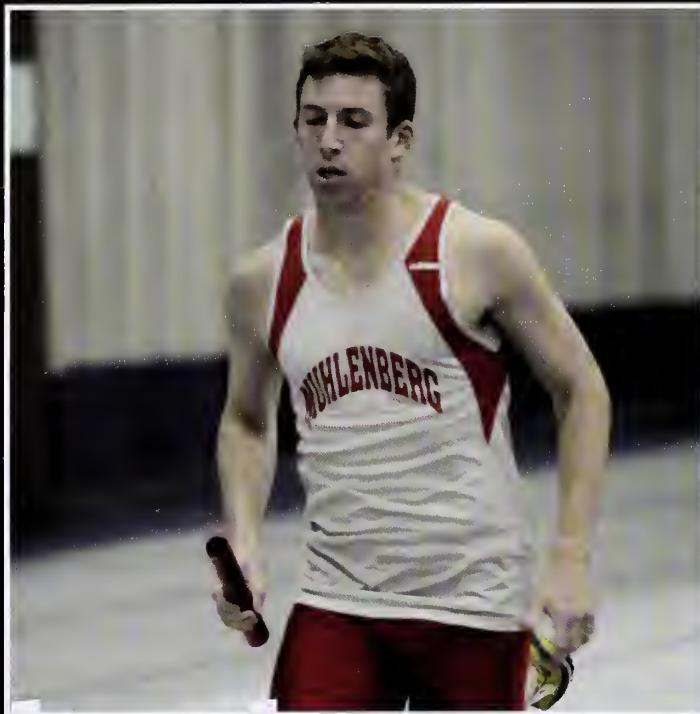
After being in the down position for a year, the Muhlenberg wrestling team scored a reversal in 2008-09. The Mules finished sixth at the Centennial Conference Championships and did not qualify any wrestlers for the NCAA Championships the previous year, but rebounded to come in fourth (a half-point out of third) and send two team members to the national meet. One of the national qualifiers, senior Rob Kein, became the program's sixth All-American in nine years when he finished eighth at 149 pounds. The other, fellow senior Matt Horn, won his first CC title at 184 after three consecutive third-place finishes. Seniors – seven in all – dominated the team with Billy Hall and Justin Fitch also closing out stellar careers. Leaving the program along with them was head coach Tom Schleicher, who retired after 13 years at the Muhlenberg helm. Kein started the season by defeating a national qualifier from Wilkes in overtime to win the Monarch Invitational for the third year in a row. He later knocked off the sixth-ranked wrestler in Division III, from Merchant Marine, and climbed as high as seventh in the national rankings. Although the Merchant Marine opponent knocked off Kein in the CC title bout, Kein received the league's wild card berth to the NCAAs. After winning two bouts at nationals, Kein closed his career with a record of 89-25. Horn began the year wrestling at 197, where he placed in the top three in his first year to 184 and didn't lose another bout until the NCAA Championships. He reeled off 22 straight wins, including tournament titles at Messiah, Washington and Lee and the CC meet. Hall (133) and Fitch (174) both placed third at the CC Championships. Hall joined the team late after studying abroad the first semester and won seven bouts, five by pin, to finish his career with an 82-25 record and 38 pins. Fitch went 19-11 on the season and 63-36 for his career. All four seniors won their bouts on Senior Night, leading the Mules to a 25-20 win against a Messiah team that was ranked in the top 30 in Division III most of the season. Muhlenberg finished its dual meet season with a record of 6-6, 4-3 in the CC. A pair of freshmen made strong debuts. Heavyweight Nick Pallotta went 13-12, with all of his wins coming by pin, and 141-pounder Kevin Homan came on strong at the end of the year to place third at the CC Championships. Sophomores Ryan Hoffman (125) and Bill Sholly (197) showed promise, suffering one-point losses to the first and second seeds, respectively, in their weight classes at the conference meet.

Seven Seniors post winning records

Wrestling



Tom Schleicher, pictured above, retired as head wrestling coach at Muhlenberg College after an impressive 13-year tenure retiring with a record of 108-113-1.



Indoor Track

Raising the standard

The 2009 Indoor Track and Field season was filled with many record breaking performances and new accomplishments. From the first meet of the season, it was apparent that this team would shake up the record books. This year, the mens team was lead by senior captains David Chorney and Stuart Udis. Following great regular season, Chorney wrapped up the indoor season by being named the Most Outstanding Performer for track events at the Centennial Conference Championships. He is only the second Mule male to be so honored in the 16-year history of the CC. After winning gold medals in the mile and distance-medley relay on Saturday, Chorney added a silver in the 3,000 meters and a fourth-place finish in the 800 on the second day. At the conclusion of his indoor season, Chorney now holds 3 individual school records, and is apart of 3 relay team records. Joining him on the relay records is Udis who finished 2nd in the 800, and for the fourth year in a row was a member of the gold medal winning 4x800 team.

In addition to these performances, senior Evan Sheppard finished fourth at the Conference meet with a pesonal best throw of 46-5½ feet. Following the Centennial Conference Championships, the team sent 6 male athletes to the NCAA Indoor Championships, which would break

another record for the Mules. The distance med relay team of senior Stuart Udis, freshman Peter Rice, sophomore Bobby Torphy and senior David Chorney earned All-America honors by finishing fourth at the NCAA Championships.

On the girl's side the season was extremely similar. Two female athletes competed at the NC Championships were Jennifer Lynch ran her second-fastest mile of the year, and pole vaulter Alex Faust narrowly missed in two attempts at 12 feet, which would have placed. Both Lynch and Faust had record breaking performances in their respective field. Senior captain Lucy Brock, pictured above hurdling, reflects on the season saying "this track season has been very ambitious; we have had harder workouts, spent more time in the training room, and set higher goals for ourselves than I have ever experienced. I think the attitude came partly from the coaches' encouragement, but also the many energetic new faces joining the experienced upperclassmen. We had synergy. The team is beginning to see just how far they can go and I am sad to leave at such an exciting time."



Senior co-captain Amanda Martini is pictured to the right, getting her blocks and her spacing all squared away before the start of the 55 meters race.



Baseball

Dramatic rallies and individual milestones abounded in the Muhlenberg baseball team's 2009 season.

Unfortunately, so did near misses. The Mules lost eight games that were decided by one run or in extra innings. Three of those losses came in the Centennial Conference and prevented the team from returning the playoffs.

Muhlenberg finished with a record of 15-22-1 overall, 8-10 in the CC. In its first game back from a 3-6 trip to Florida, Muhlenberg scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth – the last on a walkoff single by senior Edward Risener – to defeat Lebanon Valley, 6-5. Nine days later, the Mules plated seven runs, all but one with two out, in the bottom of the ninth to stun St. John Fisher, 10-9. Senior Eric Hammond capped the rally with a two-run triple. The Mules opened CC play by sweeping Swarthmore, then split with Gettysburg in a doubleheader in which they were down to their final out before rallying to tie the score in both games. The loss in the second game started a seven-game skid that doomed Muhlenberg's playoff chances.

Rainouts forced the Mules to play two doubleheaders in one late April weekend and resulted in more late-inning magic.

Kalis hit the first two home runs of his career in 2009 and ended up tied for fifth on the all-time list in total bases (206).

In the first game of the Hopkins twinbill, a three-run homer by senior John Kalis in the top of the sixth gave Muhlenberg an 8-5 lead in an eventual 8-7 win. The next day, the Mules swept McDaniel, taking both games in their final at-bat. Risener's sixth-inning homer in the opener was the difference in a 10-9 win, and two runs in the eighth broke a 7-7 tie in the nightcap.

Even in defeat in the last game of the year, Muhlenberg showed its spunk, rallying from a 7-1 deficit to force extra innings before falling to DeSales, 9-7, in the inaugural Alvin H.

Batting down records

Butz, Inc. Lehigh Valley College Baseball Showcase at Coca-Cola Park. Four Mules – Risener, senior Christian Conti and juniors Eric Pomroy and Dan Fisher – recorded their 100th career hit during the season. Hammond, who reached the century mark in hits late in his junior year, became the fifth player in team history to score 100 runs. Injuries prevented Conti from repeating the all-region success of his junior year, but he still led the team with a .356 batting average, five homers and 23 RBI.

He ended his career as Muhlenberg's all-time leader in extra-base hits (55) and slugging percentage (.669). Joining Conti on the All-CC second team was Kalis, who hit an even .300 as a senior and tied for fourth on the program's all-time list with 149 career hits.

Fisher hit .340, led the team in hits (49) and runs scored (35) and set a school record with 14 doubles. Risener batted .333 with four home runs and 30 RBI, and Pomroy (.331) also knocked in 30. Hammond scored 32 runs, second on the team, and fellow senior Chris Costa closed his career with his best season, hitting .268.

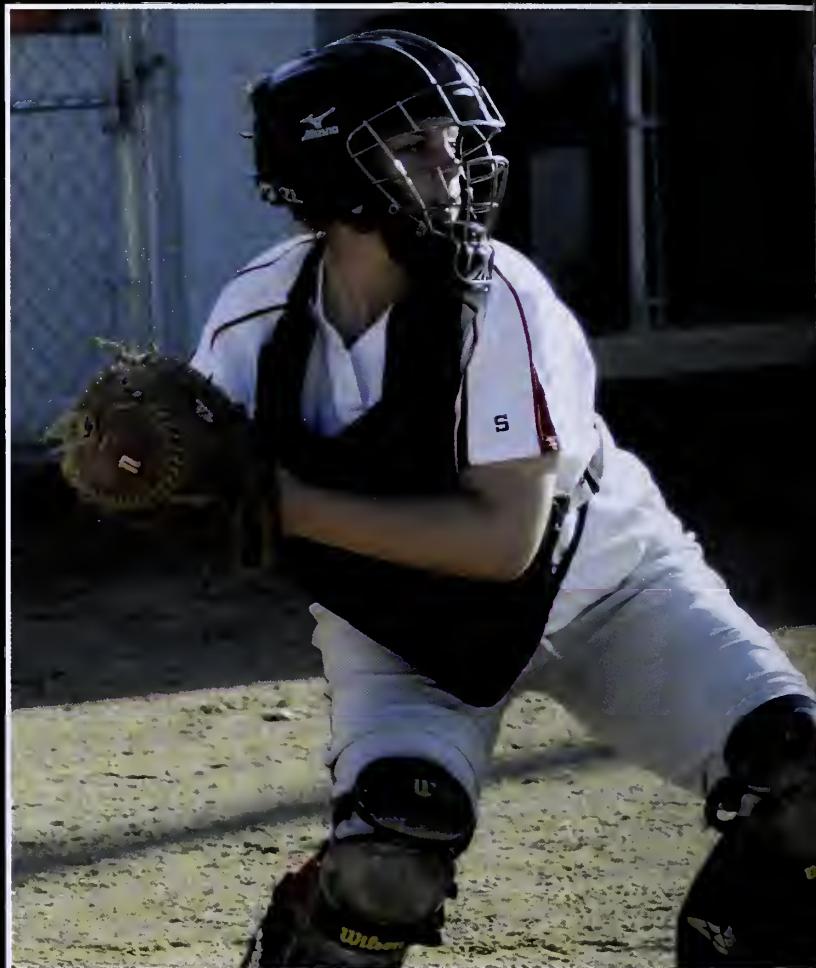
Sophomores Bobby Spindler and Clint Lynch started at third base and catcher, respectively, and combined for 13 doubles and 19 RBI. Two other second-year players, Eli Branzburg and Jeff Puklin, hit over .300 as part-time starters. On the mound, junior Phil Cresta was the team's ace again, going 5-3 with a 4.61 ERA. He will enter his senior season tied for third on the all-time list with 16 career wins. Mike Misciagna had an outstanding senior season out of the bullpen, compiling a 2.43 ERA in 14 appearances. Senior Matthew Ordog notched three saves and struck out 44 batters in 44 innings. Sophomore Jason Daniels won three games.

Mike Falk



Seniors John Kalis and Christian Conti of the Muhlenberg baseball team were selected to the All-Centennial Conference second team.





Softball

Lots of hard work, a big change in attitude and some good fortune carried the Muhlenberg softball team to an improbable Centennial Conference championship in 2009. The Mules tied for last place in the CC with a 4-12 mark in 2008 and were only 8-28 overall. But with new head coach Roni Rivera at the helm, the team took a giant U-turn, going 12-4 in the CC to tie for the biggest improvement in league history. That record earned Muhlenberg the second seed in the CC playoffs, hosted by regular-season champion Ursinus. In the first game Saturday, senior Samantha Crist hit a walkoff grand slam in the bottom of the seventh for an 8-5 victory against third-seeded Gettysburg. The Mules lost their second game to fourth seed Haverford, however, and went into Sunday needing to win three games to capture the title. Then Mother Nature intervened. Muhlenberg and Gettysburg were four innings into their elimination game on Sunday when the rains came. And they didn't stop, forcing the cancellation of the second day of the tournament. By CC policy, the championship went to the highest remaining seed, which was Muhlenberg since Ursinus had been eliminated on the first day.

The CC title was the fourth overall for the Mules, who earned the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. There they lost to William Paterson and Farmingdale State, ending their season with a record of 19-18. Muhlenberg was 6-10 before turning things around with an eight-game winning streak, its longest in seven years. During the streak, the Mules found several exciting ways to win, such as: Senior RiRi Ferrigno hitting two home runs and recording six RBI in the first game at Franklin & Marshall; Sophomore Alyssa Bruckner pitching the program's first no-hitter in 19 years vs. Dickinson; Muhlenberg scoring three runs in the bottom of the seventh to come from behind and beat Washington, 3-2; The Mules plating eight runs in the top of the seventh to knock off Swarthmore, 9-3. After the streak was snapped in the second game of the Swarthmore twinbill, despite three Muhlenberg home runs, the Mules had a 10-day layoff due to rain. When they came back, they blasted McDaniel, 9-0 and 11-0, to take over sole possession of first place in the CC.

Splits with Haverford and Ursinus in the final two CC doubleheaders left the Mules with a 12-4 record, and they needed all 12 of those wins to claim the championship.

Offensively challenged for the previous two years, Muhlenberg raised its team batting average 40 points to .268 and set school records for home runs (12), doubles (48) and extra-base hits (67) in a season. The Mules also raised their team fielding percentage 40 points to

Swinging to the National Championships

.964. Crist was named to the All-CC first team despite a .232 batting average. As demonstrated in the CC playoffs, clutch hits were here specialty; she drove in 22 runs with only 22 hits. Crist also stole a team-leading 12 bases.

Sophomore Ashley Brewer had a breakthrough year, leading the team in batting average (.422), slugging average (.578) and on-base percentage (.475) while going 9-10 with a 2.43 ERA and four shutouts in the circle. She was named to the All-CC second team, and the Mules' other pitcher, Bruckner (9-8, 2.17, six shutouts), received honorable mention.

Junior Jenna Van Waalwijk emerged with her best season to date, hitting .293 with a pair of home runs. Sophomore Jess Kasza batted .291 and scored 22 runs. A trio of freshmen made an immediate impact. Brittany Blohm hit .280 and drove in 14 runs, two with a home run in her first NCAA at-bat. Maggie Scarpelli hit .248 with a home run and 15 RBI, and Shelby Smith led the team with 11 sacrifices and committed only two errors at third base. Ferrigno's career fielding percentage of .981 ranks second in team history for a



catcher. She set a school record with 12 total bases in the first game of the F&M twinbill. Crist became the 21st member of the Muhlenberg 100-hit club with a double in the CC playoffs. On the program's all-time list, she finished third in sacrifices (29), fifth in walks (50) and sixth in stolen bases (27).

Mike Falk

Men's Lacrosse

Slow start leads to strong finish

Seven was a mostly unlucky number for the Muhlenberg men's lacrosse team in 2009.

Five times during the season, the Mules scored seven goals in a game, and all five times they lost. Three of the five losses were 8-7 games, all against teams that won their conference regular season or tournament title. Another one-goal loss was the most damaging and kept Muhlenberg out of the Centennial Conference playoffs. The Mules finished the year with a 5-8 record and went 4-4 in the CC to tie for third place – their best finish ever; not a bad accomplishment for a young team that relied so heavily on freshmen and sophomores. After graduating an outstanding senior class that included the program's all-time leaders in points, goals and assists, the Mules knew they would need to field some new faces. Inevitably, it takes time to find the right combinations, so even though Muhlenberg lost its first six games, there were some positive developments early in the season. The Mules trailed Gettysburg, the eventual CC champion, only 4-3 at halftime before losing, 7-3. It was the first time the Mules had been within five goals of the Bullets. In the next game, Muhlenberg came back on Haverford, which would go through the CC regular season undefeated, twice in the second half before falling 8-7 in overtime. That left the team with an 0-6 record, with five of the losses coming to nationally ranked teams. Then the number seven turned lucky, as the Mules won their seventh game, defeating Swarthmore 4-3 in double overtime.

At that point, it looked like the season might play out exactly it had in 2008, when the Mules won their last five CC games to earn their first-ever playoff berth. Muhlenberg evened its CC mark at 3-3 with 10-8 wins against Franklin & Marshall and Dickinson, but then lost at McDaniel, 12-11. When Muhlenberg, Washington and McDaniel all tied for third place, the Mules were the odd team out of the playoffs because of their losses to the other two. Muhlenberg closed its season on a high note, however, defeating Ursinus, 8-7, in its last game. Junior Ari Jacobson scored the tying goal with nine-tenths of a second left in regulation, and seniors Nick Fletcher and Andrew Lolley ended their careers by teaming up on the winning goal with 8.9 ticks left in the first overtime. Fletcher, who assisted on that winning goal, was named to the All-CC first team after tying for the team lead with 15 goals. Lolley's winner was his 10th of the season and the 49th of his career. The Mules' top player was senior defenseman John DeLuca, who earned All-CC first-team honors and All-America honorable mention for the second year in a row. He tied for the team lead with 34 ground balls and added two goals and two assists.

Another senior who made his mark was Dan Dugan, who graduated as the program's all-time leader with 232 career faceoffs won. He won 53 percent of his faces in 2009 and tied DeLuca for the team lead in ground balls. At the other end of the class spectrum were an exciting group of freshmen who point to a solid future for the program. Among them, Corey Aferiat started every game on attack and led the team in points (24) and assists (10); Clint Watkins started 11 games and scored 10 goals; and Alex Ardolino netted six goals.

Sophomore Brent Siebold tied for the team lead with 15 goals, giving him 38 in two years. Jacobson added 12 goals, including the overtime game-winner at Swarthmore.

Junior Matthew Schroeder served as a team captain and started every game on defense, picking up 33 ground balls. Sophomore Tom Brant scooped up 25 ground balls. Sophomore Mike Horowitz took over as the starting goalie five games into the season and compiled an 8.41 goals-against average and .564 save percentage. He made 24 saves – the most by a Muhlenberg goalie since the sport was reinstated in 2003 and the most by a CC goalie since 2005 – at Dickinson. Junior Andrew Bell, who began the season as the starter, relieved in the Ursinus game and allowed only four goals in more than 52 minutes, helping the Mules to their comeback victory.



Mike Falk



Women's Lacrosse

A terrific season filled with countless wins and broken records

The Muhlenberg women's lacrosse team was no one-hit wonder. After finishing in fifth place to earn their first Centennial Conference playoff berth ever in 2008, the Mules were picked sixth in the 2009 preseason poll. But Muhlenberg not only returned to the playoffs, it did even better. The Mules came in third in the CC, earning a bye to the semifinals. Their final record of 10-4 set a school record for fewest losses in a season. For the first time in program history, Muhlenberg received votes in the national Division III poll. For the fourth year in a row, the Mules went undefeated in non-CC games. They will enter the 2010 season with a 26-game winning streak against non-conference opponents. Muhlenberg opened the season with high-scoring non-conference wins against Randolph-Macon (18-9), Moravian (20-4) and Kean (20-5), wrapped around a 15-8 loss at sixth-ranked Gettysburg, in which the Mules trailed only 6-5 early in the second half. After beating a much-improved Haverford team, 11-7, outlasting Drew in overtime, 19-18, and winning easily at Bryn Mawr, 18-3, Muhlenberg scored two of the biggest wins in its history in a four-day span. 4. Wins against Dickinson and McDaniel put Muhlenberg at 8-1 and with a school-record-tying six-game winning streak.

Eventual national champion Franklin & Marshall slowed the momentum with a 19-10 win, and after beating Swarthmore at home the Mules suffered a loss at Ursinus. In the last game of the regular season, Muhlenberg secured its playoff position with a 16-12 home win against Washington. Gettysburg, which came within one goal of making the Division III championship game, ended the Mules' terrific season with an 18-8 win in the CC semifinals. For the first time since 1997, Muhlenberg had two players earn all-region honors, as senior Ruth Morrongiello and junior Amanda McGovern were both second-team picks. Morrongiello ranked eighth in Division III in draw controls per game

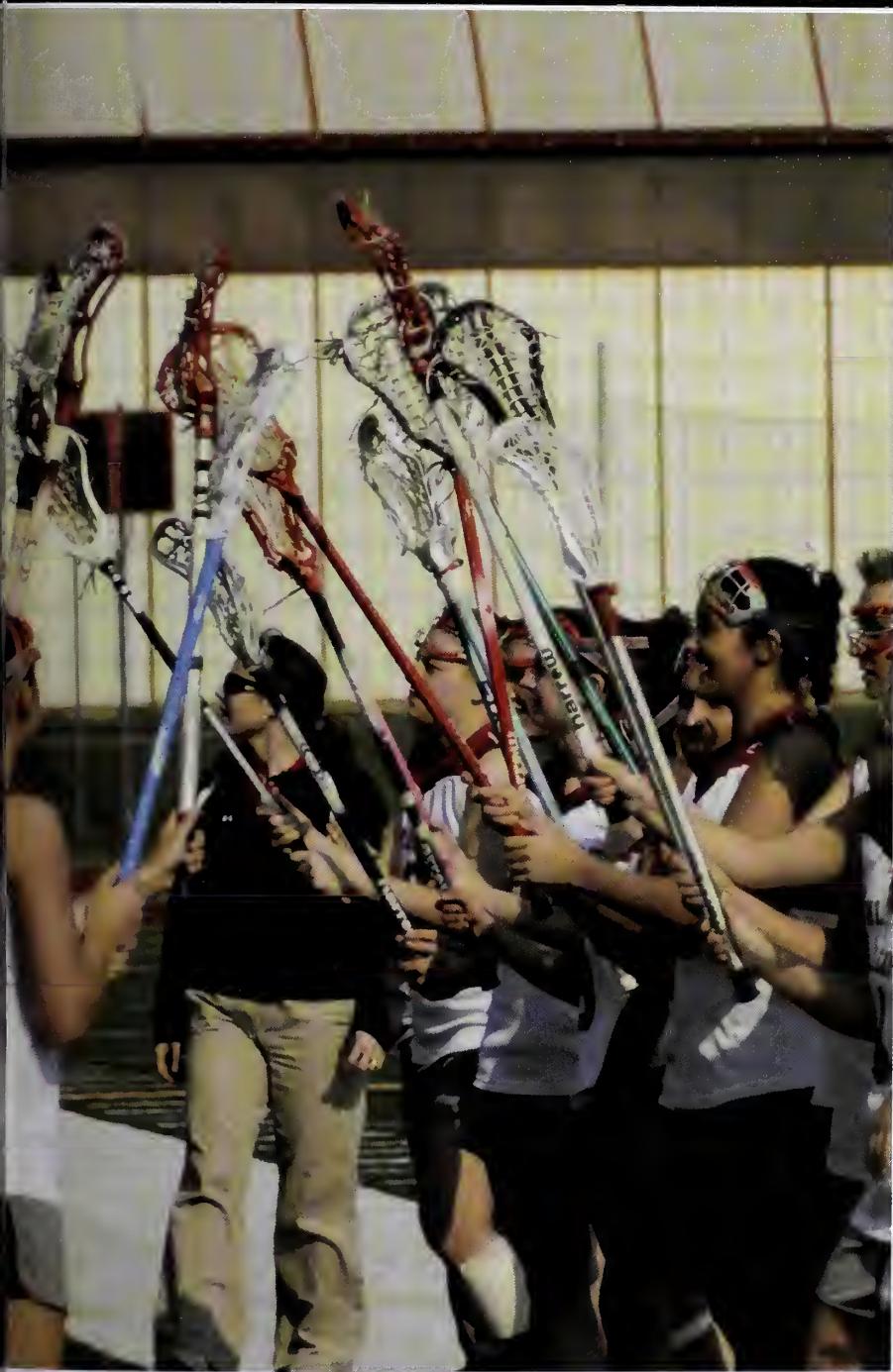
(4.93), breaking her own school record with 69 draws won on the season, and was fourth on the team in scoring with 41 points.

McGovern led the Mules in scoring with 61 points – the fifth-highest single-season total in team history – on 46 goals and 15 assists. She had hat tricks in nine of the 14 games and also was second on the team in draw controls (38) and fourth in ground balls (30). Morrongiello, McGovern and senior Sara Hiller all made the All-CC second team. Hiller notched 30 goals on only 45 shots and finished her career by scoring at least one goal in 47 consecutive games – one of the longest streaks in Division III history.

Sophomore Danielle Rosen enjoyed a breakthrough year, ranking second on the team with 56 points (45 more than she had as a freshman) on 37 goals and a team-high 19 assists. Juniors Alyssa Bascelli (25 points) and Danielle Scarrone (15), senior Megan Wilson (12) and freshman Angela Napoletano (11) also were key contributors to the offense, which averaged 14.21 goals per game (second in the CC).

Sophomore Lauren DeCarle had an excellent season as a defensive midfielder, tying for second on the team with 15 caused turnovers and ranking third with 23 draw controls. Sophomore Allisyn Vachon recorded a goals-against average of 11.36 and save percentage of .466, improving from her freshman year (12.23, .446) in both categories. She made big late-game saves in close wins against Drew, Dickinson and McDaniel. The starting back three consisted of senior Marguerite Farrell (34 ground balls, team-leading 20 caused turnovers) and juniors Ashley Foltiny (team-leading 39 ground balls, 13 caused turnovers) and Katie Ferris (38 ground balls, 15 caused turnovers). Senior Farrin Jay also saw considerable time on defense.





Men's Tennis

Serving up the competition

What a difference seven months can make.

The 2008-09 Muhlenberg men's tennis season opened in mid-September when the Mules hosted Elizabethtown and two other teams in a tournament. Muhlenberg went 2-6 in head-to-head matches against the Blue Jays that day.

In late April, the Mules finished their campaign on the same courts against Elizabethtown, which had gone undefeated in the regular season in its conference. This time, they fared much better, winning 6-3 to end the year on a three-match winning streak.

Best of all, Muhlenberg had no seniors playing in its lineup for that final match. With most of its team slated to return in 2009-10, the Mules appear to have a promising future. Muhlenberg finished the season 6-7 overall and 3-6 in the Centennial Conference. After several years in which injuries forced the team to constantly juggle players, the lineup stayed relatively consistent throughout the spring.

A pair of freshmen, Zach Adler and Jordan Rutt, kicked off what would be a great year together by reaching the doubles consolation final at the F&M Fall Invitational. The duo combined to go 9-10 for the year, including a respectable 4-5 mark at No. 1 doubles in the tough CC. Adler played No. 2 singles in the spring, finishing with a record of 4-9. He notched the clinching win, coming back from a set down to win in three, in a 5-4 win against Gettysburg in the final CC match of the season.

Rutt started the year at No. 6 before working his way up to No. 3, where he went 4-1. Rutt's 8-5 spring singles record was the best on the team, as were his combined 19 wins for the year.



Junior Matt Kral also climbed the ladder, earning a spot in the singles lineup for the second half of the year after playing only doubles the first half. He ended up with a 5-2 singles mark and teamed with sophomore Wayne Mitchel for a 6-4 record at No. 3 doubles.

Sophomore John Osborne had the tough task of playing No. 1 singles in the CC. Senior Brian Wernick and junior Yoni Farber served as team captains and rounded out the lineup.

Mike Falk





Women's Tennis

No room for "love" on this court

The Muhlenberg women's tennis team was charging toward a great season when an untimely injury slowed its momentum. Still, the Mules put together a very good season. They went 10-5, with all three losses at full strength coming to nationally ranked teams, tied for second in the

Centennial Conference with an 8-2 mark, and ended the year ranked 11th in the Atlantic South Region. Muhlenberg took the court with a lineup of two seniors and four sophomores that was virtually identical to the one that produced a 9-5 record in 2008.

In the fall, the Mules defeated Moravian, 7-2, in their lone dual match and competed in a pair of individual tournaments. Muhlenberg began the spring before Spring Break with losses to 27th-ranked New Jersey and 22nd-ranked Vassar. Nearly a month later, the team resumed action by defeating Ursinus, 8-1, before suffering a 9-0 loss to 21st-ranked Johns Hopkins.

All three of the teams the Mules lost to early in the season would remain in the national rankings the whole season and earn bids to the NCAA Tournament. Johns Hopkins, which ended the year ranked 10th, was clearly the best team in the CC, but Muhlenberg made a strong bid to be second-best. The Mules rebounded from the loss to Hopkins by recording its first win ever at Swarthmore, 6-3. That kicked off a six-match winning streak that included a road victory at regionally ranked Salisbury.

Sitting at 6-1 in the CC heading into an important match against 6-2 Washington, Muhlenberg lost one of its players for the rest of the season. The Mules wound up losing to the Shorewomen, 6-3, and nine days later lost to them again in the first round of the CC playoffs.

Senior Jenn Powell played No. 1 singles for the third straight year and compiled an 8-6 record. She was named to the All-CC first team and ended the year as the 17-ranked singles player in the region. Classmate Carly Rotfeld had an outstanding season at No. 3 singles, winning her final 11 matches (three 6-0, 6-0 and three others 6-1, 6-1) for a team-best 13-2 record. Powell and Rotfeld were 7-8 at No. 1 doubles, including an 8-5 win against a Salisbury duo that was eighth in the final regional rankings.

The four sophomores were nearly unbeatable in doubles action. Caitie Druker and Sara Sutker went 13-4 at No. 2 doubles, while Danielle Winston and Lindsay Schmidt teamed up for an incredible 17-2 mark at No. 3, including fall tournament titles at Franklin & Marshall and the ITA Southeast Regional. Sutker added a 15-4 record at No. 4 singles and led the team with 30 combined wins for the year. Both she (54-22) and Winston (50-16) reached the 50-win mark in only two years, with Druker (49-26) just missing.

Mike Falk





FOUR! That's how many members of the Muhlenberg men's golf team shot in the 70s in 2008-09, the first time in the last 15 years that happened.

That depth of talent carried the Mules to four second-place finishes in the fall and a third-place showing at the Centennial Conference Championships. In all, the team competed in 11 tournaments, finishing in the top half in all but three. Muhlenberg played its best golf in the fall, taking the runner-up spot at Susquehanna, Messiah, Gettysburg and its own tournament. The Mules shot a 304 and were just one stroke behind eventual CC champion Franklin & Marshall at Susquehanna. At Messiah, three Mules placed in the top 10. Senior Bill Snow took medalist honors at the Gettysburg Fall Invitational, shooting a 2-under-par 70. For the first time, the Muhlenberg Invitational was contested over two days at two different courses, and the Mules overtook 22nd-ranked Allegheny on the second day.

The spring brought bad weather and cloudier results. Rain shortened or completely wiped out three of Muhlenberg's first four tournaments, and by the time the good weather arrived it was the last week of the season. At the CC Championships, the Mules hoped to challenge for the title after letting a second-round lead slip away in 2008. This time they played an excellent third round, but were too far behind to challenge for the title. Muhlenberg tied for the lowest round of the tournament by shooting a 308 on the third day to finish 14 strokes off the lead.

Sophomore Zachary Oyer was the team's top golfer at the CC Championships, tying for sixth, and all season long. His stroke average of 77.9 was the best by a Mule in the last 15 years, and he shot in the 70s in 12 of 16 rounds. Snow averaged a career-best 78.5 in his final season, scoring three top-10 finishes. Freshman Matthew Cohen was impressive in his rookie season, averaging 78.8 and shooting a 75 at the Glenaura National Collegiate Invitational. Junior Biff Slocum (79.9), senior Geoffrey Kelleman (80.2) and sophomore Jordan Carpenter (82.1) rounded out Muhlenberg's lineup.

Mike Fal

Men's Golf

Finishing up a great season
with a third place finish



Women's Golf

Teeing it up for personal records

The Muhlenberg women's golf team had one of the shortest seasons on record in 2009.

Rain cancelled all the Mules' tournaments leading up to the Centennial Conference Championships, reducing their competitive season to two days.

The team hosted the CC Championships at Olde Homestead Golf Club and finished fifth for the second straight year.

Sophomore Amy Venuto shot a career-low 98 on the second day and led Muhlenberg with a 36-hole total of 204. Junior Sarah Mellick was nine strokes back.

Hayley Cush (right), the lone Mule senior to compete, finished her career with the sixth-best stroke average in program history for a player with more than one year.

Sophomore Allison Siefert and freshman Amanda Heiberger also competed in the CC Championships.





Outdoor Track

Fast times, high marks and long distances

The Muhlenberg track and field teams have been breaking new ground the entire decade, and the last year of the decade was no different. In 2009, the Mules produced their first female indoor NCAA qualifier, their first five-time NCAA qualifier, their first freshman All-American and their first sophomore Academic All-American. The teams not only did well individually, but also collectively. At the Centennial Conference Championships, the women placed third indoor and outdoors after finishing fifth in both meets last year. The men also improved two places, coming in fourth indoors and third outdoors. They were a point out of third place indoors. Barely a week went by without junior Alex Faust and/or senior David Chorney reaching some kind of milestone. Faust shattered her own school records in the pole vault both indoors and outdoors, raising the outdoor mark from 11-1 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 12-6 $\frac{1}{4}$. She won the gold medal at the CC meet and qualified for the NCAA Championships in both. Indoors, she and junior Jennifer Lynch (mile) became the first Mule females to compete at the NCAA meet. Faust earned All-America honors by finishing seventh in the pole vault outdoors.

Faust also set school records in the 55 meters (indoors) and the 400 meters (both indoors and outdoors) in 2009. She won the CC title and provisionally qualified for the NCAAs in the outdoor 400. Chorney also qualified for the NCAAs in both seasons; combined with three NCAA appearances in cross country, that made him the first athlete in College history to compete in the national championships five times. Indoors, he ran on the distance medley relay team (with senior Stuart Udis, sophomore Bobby Torphy and freshman Peter Rice) that finished fourth to earn All-America status. Outdoors, Chorney competed in the steeplechase, an event in which he fourth at Penn Relays, and he also qualified in the 1,500.

The men's team won in the 4x800 both indoors and outdoors. The indoor gold was the fourth in a row for the Mules, with Udis running on all four. The senior anchored the winning team indoors and ran the third leg outdoors, handing off to Torphy, a third-team Academic All-American. The men added another relay gold when the 4x100 quartet (juniors Brendan Kirk, William Ryan and Jeremiah Lachaud) became the first sprint relay team to win a gold medal at a conference meet in the history of the program. That group also broke the school record earlier in the season. Kirk added a gold medal in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles for the second time in three years.

Two outstanding freshmen earned individual silver medals at the CC meets. Marc Brookland placed second in the long jump outdoors and added two bronzes by coming in third in the triple jump both indoors and outdoors, break a 22-year-old school record in the latter meet. Jenna Schaffer hauled in four silvers, outdoors in the 100, 4x100 and both indoors and outdoors in the 4x400. Another freshman, Kimberlee Yalango, won silvers in the 4x400 both indoors and outdoors and the 4x800 indoors, and Rice complemented his indoor DMR gold with a bronze in the 400 outdoors.

Lachaud also won four silver medals, individually in the 55 (indoors), 100 (outdoors) and 200 (outdoors) and as part of the indoor 4x200 team. Udis, Torphy and Chorney came in 2-3-4, respectively in the 800 indoors, with Torphy silvering in the 800 outdoors.



Mike Falk

ORGANIZATIONS

"Being a part of the Women's Rugby team has helped me learn the true definition of team work and dedication. My participation in this student run organization has allowed me to develop my leadership and organizational skills, something that has helped me both in the classroom and on the rugby pitch. While I came to Muhlenberg to get an education, rugby has taught me just as much as any class, and it has taught me most importantly who my true friends are. Like the scars that grace my body, these friendships will last a lifetime."

Jennifer Cohen







MINT* is Muhlenberg's only hip-hop dance team. The recently established group is made up of enthusiastic dancers who perform at half time for various sporting events and at other larger events. The team holds weekly practices in order for them to choreograph and perfect their dance routines. They are known for the outfits that consist of black tank tops and army cargo pants. While this group is fairly new to campus, they have become one of the most popular and larger performing groups on campus. Their upbeat music and funky dance moves encourage people in the audience to dance along with their moves. While typically half time is a time for spectators to leave the arena for refreshments or to socialize, whenever MINT* is performing it is certain that the crowd will remain in their seats to enjoy the show.



MINT*

Women's Rugby

The Women's Rugby Team is a club that plays other Division III and II schools in the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union (EPRU). Every spring and fall, the team can be seen practicing on the field behind the chapel improving their individual and team skills. Allison Gadon, a senior has been on the team for four years and explains that "rugby has been one of my best experiences at Muhlenberg. One of the reasons for this, is the feeling of camaraderie with your team members or the feeling of being on team. Not only does practice and games require you to get to know your teammates, but rugby is unique in that you foster a stronger bond in some ways because the physical closeness that the game requires. Also the shared experience of competitiveness and pain brings you together." This past fall the team qualified for the championship playoffs for the second year in a row and was led by a group of dedicated seniors who have committed countless hours of hard work and devotion to improve this team.



Perkulators

The Perkulators are an energetic, dedicated, and talented group of dancers who perform at halftime of football and basketball games, pep rallies, talent shows, and other events around the campus community. Senior Carin Fenstermaker, pictured below in the front row, reflects on her experience saying that "as a member of the Perkulators, I became part of the Muhlenberg community. Through rehearsals, performances, and other events, I have connected with fabulous students, inspiring faculty, and many others who have added to my experiences as a Muhlenberg student, and as an individual who has an interest in dance." This group continues to grow in number, recognition, and involvement around campus, the Perkulators take pride in representing Muhlenberg. Remember: DON'T HATE...PERKULATE!!!





Student Government or Student Council transacts all business pertaining to the Student Body. Through its standing committees, the Student Government is involved in all aspects of Student Life ranging from affairs in academics to athletics. These committees have helped to install some of the more popular initiatives on campus including wireless internet hotspots, Sandella's, Spirit Week events, and allocate resources to the numerous clubs on campus. Composed of members from all grades, the Student Council holds Student Body meetings where anyone is welcome to address new ideas or concerns.

Student Council



Pictured to the left are members of the Executive Board including: Matt Pearson, Executive Secretary; Samantha Busa, Recording Secretary; Sara Keller, Student Body President;; Barrie Schessler, Treasurer; Jordan Scones, Vice President.



Every student who walks through the red doors onto Muhlenberg's campus has a student advisor. These upperclassmen are well known for their passion for Muhlenberg, positive outlook, and welcoming natures. Each August, dozens of students return to campus early to welcome the incoming freshman class for Orientation Weekend. The Student Advisors, or better known as a SA are divided into pairs, each responsible for guiding and mentoring a group of freshman. Throughout this weekend, and the school year, SA's stay involved within the freshman's lives organizing dinners, events and get togethers for their group. Pictured here are the numerous Student Advisors at the orientation weekend for the class of 2012. They were easily recognizable with the coveted Muhlenberg beanie hats and their baseball shirts.



Student Advisors

Kappa Kappa Psi



In November of 2007 Junior Matthew Fash spoke with the members of the Muhlenberg College Pep Band about an organization called Kappa Kappa Psi. From that day on a core group of individuals interested in music began to research Kappa Kappa Psi and became interested in its creed, mission and purpose. Matthew Fash along with Mike Fau and Liz Martini contacted the National Headquarters and began the club recognition process at Muhlenberg College. After gaining the support of the Muhlenberg College Music Department, Matthew went to Jane Schubert, the assistant Dean of Students

and asked if she would be the sponsor for this organization.

On February the 27th, 2008 Muhlenberg College became officially recognized and the national process began. Tony Roscoe was assigned to be the colony advisor and Muhlenberg was assigned to the Clarion University Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi as our advising Chapter. We have come a long way since November of 2007 and are excited for our future with Kappa Kappa Psi. On Friday May the 8th 2009, the colony became the newest active Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi.



ODK

Omicron Delta Kappa is a national leadership honor society. It was founded December 3, 1914, at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. Membership in the Omicron Delta Kappa Society is regarded as one of the highest collegiate honors that can be awarded to an individual, with Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Beta Kappa. Members in this fraternity present a variety of clubs and organizations from greek societies to academic groups.

Muhlenberg Dance Association

The Muhlenberg Dance Association (MDA) is a well established organization here on Muhlenberg campus. This association is dedicated to bringing the art of dance to the Muhlenberg community, both on and off campus. With our numerous dance concerts throughout the year, which are choreographed by both the faculty and students, people have the opportunity to appreciate dance and recognize the talent of those who are a part of the MDA.

Besides performing, the Muhlenberg Dance Association also reaches out to the community in visiting elementary schools and lends support to other organizations and events on campus, such as Relay for Life. The MDA is a wonderful organization and will continue to fulfill its purpose of bringing the joy of dance to our peers, family and fellow supporters. Photos to the right are taken by Gabriel Bienczycki for the Muhlenberg Dance Association.



Cardinal Key Society



Members of the Cardinal Key Society are an integral component of the Development and Alumni Relations Office. The CKS consists of a network of student volunteers whose purpose is to support the programs of these offices and foster relations with Muhlenberg graduates. Cardinal Key members strengthen alumni ties to the College and serve as liaisons between current students and the greater alumni body. In addition, the CKS helps to develop current students into dedicated future alumni.

Chemistry Club

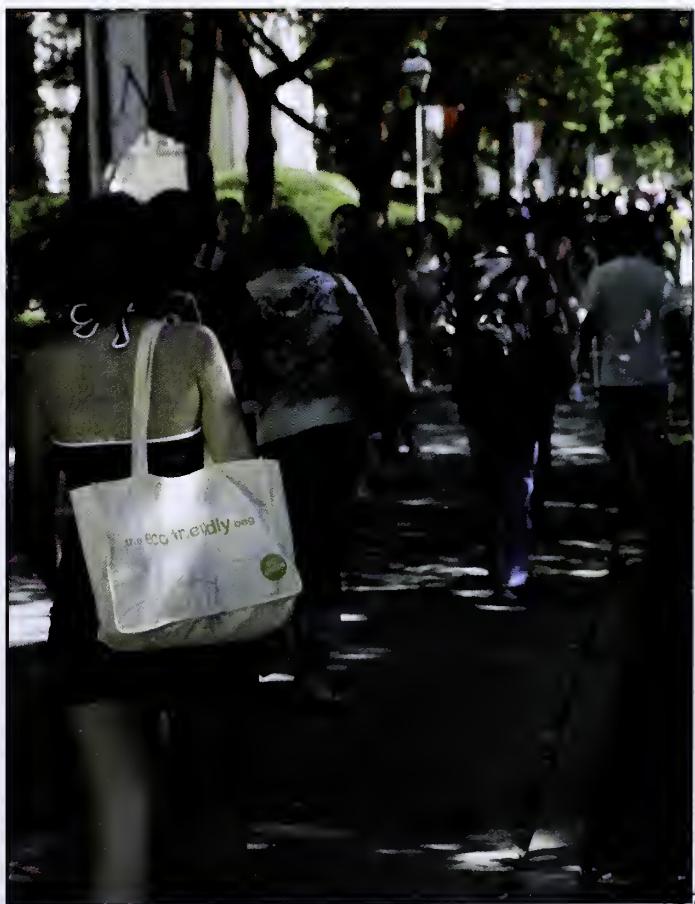


Chemistry Club members are students dedicated to promoting chemistry both on campus and in the Allentown community. During National Chemistry Week we make liquid nitrogen ice cream and our famous chili made in reaction glassware. In addition, we also host a number of social events with both students and chemistry faculty members in order to promote interactions within the chemistry department. At local elementary schools we foster interest in chemistry by performing science demonstrations in classrooms and helping students make silly putty at science fairs.



Tour Guides

Muhlenberg tour guides are volunteer students that host and give tours to prospective students and their families. There are approximately 100 campus tour guides that volunteer around 30 hours a semester. This is a great way to show your Muhlenberg pride and give back to the College.



Colleges Against Cancer

Colleges Against Cancer is a club on campus that is dedicated to fighting cancer through cancer awareness, advocacy, and survivorship. We educate our campus, fight back against cancer through our Relay for Life event, celebrate our survivors, and remember those who have been lost. We hold meetings every week and have a Relay for Life event annually.



Environmental Action Team

The Environmental Action Team's mission is to spread environmental awareness and cultivate ecological literacy while actively taking part in the ecological betterment of the campus, local, and global communities. EnAcT's success is due, in large part, to their commitment to collaborating with other student organizations, faculty, staff, and administrators in order to engage the entire Muhlenberg community in taking action to become a more sustainable campus. EnAcT has challenged our community to think about the importance of individual choices and each person's responsibility to adopt an environmentally conscious lifestyle. Their most recent campaigns have reached across the spectrum, relating to Dining Services, campus recycling and energy use, voter education, and community service programming. EnAcT encourages everyone to consider themselves part of the global ecosystem and as stewards of the Earth.



The Weekly

The Muhlenberg Weekly has been the College's official, student-run newspaper since 1883. The newspaper comes out every Thursday, and averages eleven issues per semester. The Weekly covers events on campus such as concerts, sporting events, and Student Government meetings. Editorials based on world events and campus controversies are also featured. Currently, 14 students are on the editorial staff, ranging from first year students to seniors.



MCTV

MCTV is the student run group that creates and directs what appears on the Muhlenberg TV channel. The channel hosts various programs that are shot, produced and edited by members of MCTV. As a group, MCTV decides what programs the student body will be interested in and then the members create the programs and decide when they will air on the channel. MCTV has brought lots of communications majors together to further their knowledge of broadcast journalism as well as create a programmed TV channel for Muhlenberg's student body to enjoy.

BOOM ('Berg Organization of Music) is Muhlenberg's music club. BOOM members are not only made up of musicians and singers, but also students who have a general interest in music. Every year BOOM organizes two major trips. In the fall semester, BOOM attends a performance by the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Kimmel Center, in Philadelphia. In the spring semester, BOOM travels to New York City to attend a performance at the Metropolitan Opera. This year, BOOM saw Beethoven's 8th Symphony/Wagner in the fall and Don Giovanni in the spring. In addition to its two main trips, BOOM also hosts talent shows, ushers for Muhlenberg's Piano Series, and holds themed meetings, including movie nights, open mic nights, and Rock Band tournaments. BOOM also puts out BOOM Box, a monthly publication that includes a list of concerts in the area as well as various BOOM events.



BOOM



History Club

The Muhlenberg College History Club has made a tremendous comeback. The club was created many decades ago to bring history to life through discussion, demonstrations, and trips to historical sites. The club had a renaissance under the direction of Matt Fash 09', a graduating senior who revitalized the club by recruiting individuals who were passionate about history and interested in sharing their love for the past with others. This past year, the History club proudly hosted a History Comes Alive presentation. Veterans shared their experiences with the college community. The speakers included four Pearl Harbor Survivors, a 101st Airborne Veteran who saw action at D-day and the Battle of the Bulge. A USS Hornet CV8 Veteran who was at the Battle of Midway and survived the sinking of the Hornet, three Vietnam



War Veterans and more. The club traveled to the Gettysburg National Battlefield and the USS Intrepid. The club also hosted numerous military presentations where reenactors shared their knowledge and uniforms with the club. The club now has 25 members and is going strong into the future!

Disciple Makers Christian Fellowship



DiscipleMakers Christian Fellowship strives to live up to its name and not only be a club on campus but also a real fellowship of students. We seek to see how the Gospel of Jesus Christ transforms our relationships with each other and informs our relationship with the whole Muhlenberg community. Motivated by grace, weekly we study the Bible together, worship together, and pursue growth together. As we share our lives with each other DiscipleMakers raises us up as leaders who know that changing the world begins with God changing ourselves.

S.I.N



Students in Newman is the Catholic campus ministry organization on campus. In addition to hosting Pancake Palooza every year, its members host other small community service events and fundraisers for charities and other service organizations. This year the club was able to raise money for the World Vision charity thanks to the great turnout at Pancake Palooza. Other events from this year included a Dance-A-Thon, as well as a number of fundraising bake sales. SIN also tries to get involved with the local community as much as possible, sometimes volunteering at Sunday schools throughout the semester. The Newman center also hosts weekly fellowship dinners on Wednesday nights, which are always a fun way to unwind from the week and get some great home-cooked meals.

Hillel

Muhlenberg College offers a warm and welcoming Jewish campus life. Ours is a proud and vibrant community made up of administrators, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and, of course, students. The current Jewish student body consists of over 700 young people who represent the full diversity of Jewish America. Students are at the heart of the Muhlenberg College Hillel community. Our programming is generated by and for our students through our student board and interns. Students work with the Hillel Director and Program Director to plan programs, events and holiday celebrations that reach the entire campus community. Hillel is the most active student led organization on campus and has had much success over the years in expanding the broad range of programs as well as creating an incredibly spiritual and warm environment.



91.7 FM WMUH Allentown

91.7 FM WMUH Allentown is Muhlenberg College's radio station. Since 1948, WMUH has broadcast a plethora of music, local news, and cultural events across the Lehigh Valley. The station's philosophy – "many voices with many things to say" – is echoed in the variety and quality of programming. WMUH is completely run by Muhlenberg students and community volunteers, and the station is always on the lookout for new DJs. These characteristics help define WMUH as "the only station that matters"!

Executive Board Fall 2008:

Laura Reese '09 (Station Manager)
Sean Surdovel '09 (Program Director)
Emily Besen '09 (Finances Director)
John Carter '11 (Secretary)

Executive Board Spring 2009:

Katherine DiPierro '11 (Station Manager)
Peter Stonbely '10 (Program Director)
Rachel Gutman '11 (Finances Director)
Josh Frees '10 (Secretary)



InAccord

The members of InAccord: John Ventworth, Stephen Brickman, Nicole Romano, Sara Mazes , Alex Beck, Eric Thompson , Sean Killeen , Caitlin Delaney, Dahlia Mayerson, Brendon Otipka, Shannon Wittenberger, Kristin Sgarro, Emma Bartholomew, Jasmine Jefferson, Tim Letso, Peter Smith, Rebecca Patterson, Denise Ozer, and Gabe Martinez.

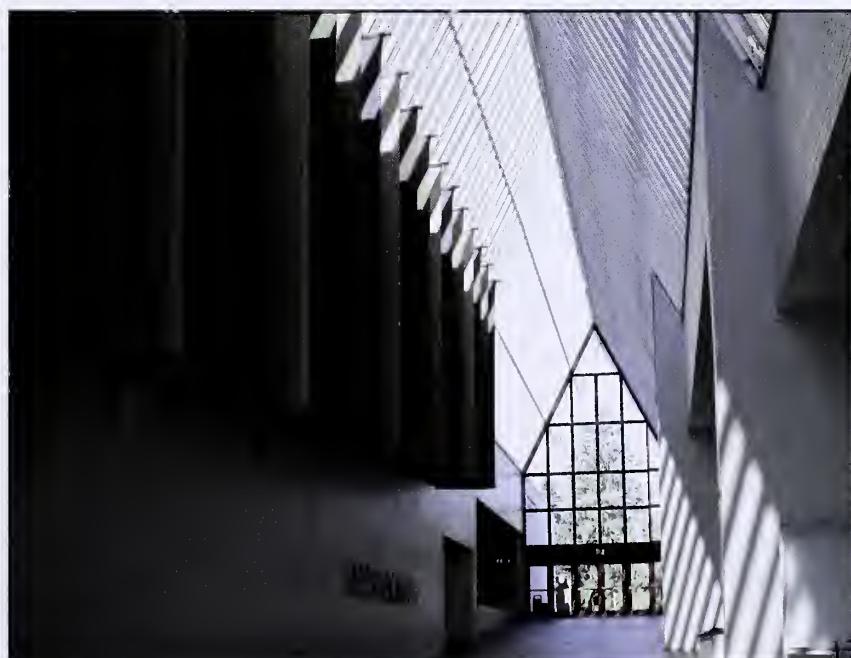


NOTEWORTHY

NoteWorthy is Muhlenberg College's only Broadway based a cappella group. Established in 2006, the group entertains all over the college campus and beyond. In November 2007, NoteWorthy appeared as a guest artist on the MTV television show "TRL." NoteWorthy won the Henry Award for "Performance Group of the Year" in 2008.

Acafellas

The AcaFellas are Muhlenberg's all-male a cappella group, featuring a diverse repertoire of music and specializing in entertaining audiences with a blend of musical talent, casual fun, and occasional humor.



Chaimonics

The Muhlenberg Chaimonics are a co-ed, Hillel-affiliated a cappella group. They were established several years ago by a small group of students who enjoyed music and their Jewish heritage. Today, this group has grown much larger; featuring students of all cultural backgrounds, religious views, majors, and personal interests. The Chaimonics perform at Muhlenberg for various campus events, including, but not limited to, Pancake Palooza and A Cappella Fest. In addition, we represent Hillel during religious festivities both on and off campus. Their repertoire includes a wide range of music; including contemporary hits of the current generation, to oldies, classic rock and of course, several multifaceted Hebrew selections.



MUFI

MUFI stand for Mules for Israel, a group dedicated to advocating for Israel.



Muhlenberg College Gospel Choir



"Rejoice! Muhlenberg College Gospel Choir", is one of the college's most unique musical performance groups. The Gospel Choir first began in 2006 by Dean of Students Karen Green, musical director Rodwin Lowe, and a group of 10 dedicated students. Since then, the Gospel Choir has grown into a group of over 30 members reaching out to students all over the Muhlenberg campus and the surrounding community. The performers need not audition for the choir; they must only bring a desire to share the joy of gospel music to audiences and congregations alike. The choir performs in many student events on campus under the direction of student director Denise Ozer as well as in churches in the surrounding community under the direction of Rodwin Lowe.

The Muhlenberg Dynamics are Muhlenberg's oldest a cappella group, established over 20 years ago. The group is deeply rooted in tradition and is extremely passionate about making music. They devote numerous hours per week to bring different forms of music to the Muhlenberg community. Each year, they experience growing numbers at auditions and accepted a record of seven new members this year. The Dynamics perform at many events both on and off campus and are in the process of completing a new CD to follow the release of their last album, Sound Beyond Sight. The Dynamics possess a love for music and are dedicated to sharing it with the school and community.

Dynamics



Girls Next Door

The Girls Next Door is an all female a cappella group founded in 1999. The Girls Next Door arrange and sing all types of music and love to do it. We serve the community and the school by performing at various events.



Muhlenberg College Pep Band

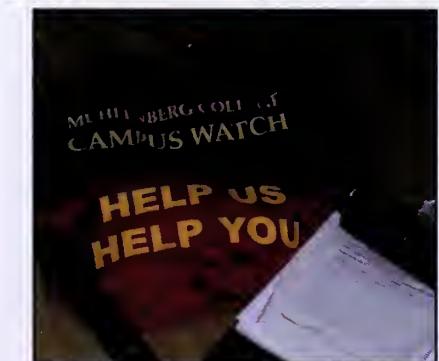
The Muhlenberg College Pep Band was founded by Matthew Fash, with the help of Jeff Levy and Michael Fau, in November 2005. The Pep Band is comprised of students from all class years and an alum. The Pep Band has been awarded Organization of the Year two years in a row at the Henry Awards.

The Pep Band has performed at football, men's and women's basketball, soccer, wrestling, ice hockey games, and various other campus events. The band plays a variety of songs including Iron Man, Carry On My Wayward Son, and a crowd favorite, the Hey Song. The Pep Band also plays the college's very own fight song, "Old Gray Bonnet."

This fall the band also traveled to away games at Ursinus and Moravian at the request of the football team. In the spring, the band performs at home games for both the men's and women's basketball teams. In addition, the band is regularly called upon to support other sports teams and perform at non-athletic campus events.



Muhlenberg College Campus Watch



Campus Watch Rangers was founded by Matt Fash '09 at the end of his Freshman year. With the help of Ken Lupole, former Director of Campus Safety, David Dolan, Brian Galgano, and Doug Cedrone, the Rangers matured into a fully functional group.

The group is made up of students who are concerned about the safety and welfare of their peers and who want to make a difference around the campus. The time commitment is minimal compared to the rewards of looking out for your peers.

Dress Upon A Star

Dress Upon A Star is a community service organization on campus that empowers young women in the Allentown area to have the best prom possible. Throughout the course of the year, we collect prom dresses, shoes, and accessories in order to host our annual prom fair in April. In April, these young women can come get the necessities of prom for free that they could otherwise not afford. During the year, we are also fundraising, hosting bi-weekly meetings, hosting jewelry parties and doing so much more. We are so proud to help make the prom of a young woman as beautiful as possible!



College Democrats

The purpose of the College Democrats on campus is two-fold. First, it is to increase political activism and discussion on campus. The College Democrats exists to spur the discussion of politics. The other purpose of the College Democrats is to advance the causes, issues and candidates of the Democratic Party. The College Democrats helped to sponsor former Senator Joseph Biden's visit to campus in addition to organizing voter registration and volunteering at polling places throughout Allentown.

Best Buddies is an international organization committed to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships. At Muhlenberg, we match each college student with an adult in the Allentown community who has a developmental disability. As a group, we get together once a month for activities.

We go bowling, have dances and also attend Muhlenberg sports events. In addition, the students in the club talk to their buddies about once a week and also get together with them on their own time for dinner or just to hang out.

Best Buddies

College Republicans



PARENT PRIDE

"Being the leader of The Muhlenberg Weekly has allowed me to have experiences and gain insights into my fellow graduates that I would never have had the opportunity to otherwise. I feel privileged to have been there to report on Obama's visit to campus, edit the article about softball team's historic no hitter, document all the changes and renovations to campus over the years and watch as pictures of every Muhlenberg theater performance were put into print. Shaping the layout of the Weekly every week was like constructing a map of Muhlenberg student life. I believe the spirit of the student body permeated every issue, and made me feel as though I was really connected to everything that went on during my four years here. I hope I made a difference in my fellow students' lives, because I know through my experience observing their triumphs, failures and everything in between, that they have certainly impacted mine."

Luanne Linares







Patrick - From the first day to the last day at Muhlenberg, you have been in our thoughts, hearts, and prayers. We are so proud of you.

Love Mom, Dad, Tara, and Kelly

Dear Jenna,

We are so proud of you. We wish you all the happiness in the world.

Love,
Mom + Dad

Now, here, you see, it takes all the running you can do, to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere else, you must run at least twice as fast as that!

- The Queen from Alice in Wonderland

Avrit,

We are proud of where you've gotten to, and though the road ahead may seem difficult we've never seen you shy away from a good challenge. Congratulations!

With love,

Mama, Papa, and Raisa



Congratulations, Mike, on 4 great years! We are so proud of you and wish you a successful and exciting future: Remember, the best is yet to come!!

Love Always,
Mom & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS DORIE!



May your life be full of beautiful high notes



With pride and joy for your accomplishments

Love always,

Mom, Dad, and Jackie





Natasha Wisniewski

Live today and tomorrow
just as you did yesterday
With joy
With passion
With confidence



Know that you are loved
Know that you are beautiful
Know that you are blessed

Believe in yourself
as you tackle the challenges ahead of you

Believe in yourself
as you use the power within you to make a
better world

I believe in you



Congratulations!

Love you more (really),
Mommy



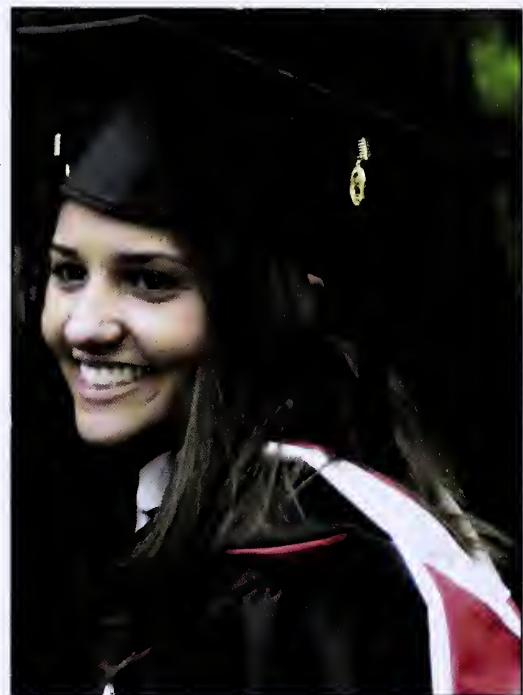


Congratulations Nicole!

We are so proud of you and know that you will be a wonderful teacher.

"Look back with a smile, and let the journey begin!"

Love, Mom & Dad



Dear Carly,
We're proud of you and love you...
As we watch you take flight
In the breeze...
To a higher height...
Remember you're a shining
light
YOU'RE JUST RIGHT!
We Love You!!



- Mom, Dad and Robby



Donna Ward-



Singer – Noteworthy, Gospel Choir, Opera Group

Actress – Twilight Zone, Godspell, Twelfth Night, Vagina Monologues

All around DIVA with a capital D – and Muhlenberg Performing Artist of 2009.

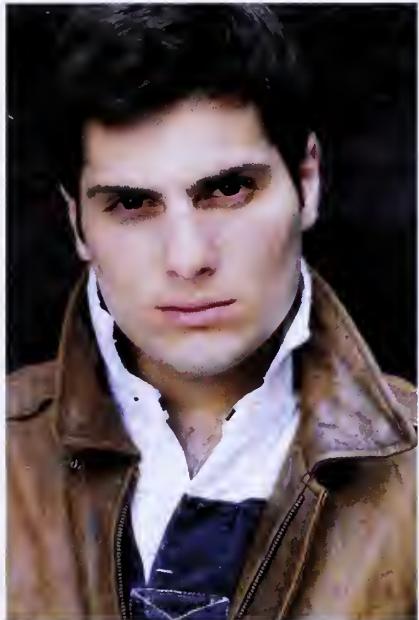
You did all of that and still graduated? Amazing...

Well done! Can't wait to see what lies ahead.

We love you.
Mom, Dad, Carolyn and Momma Ward

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –
I took the one less traveled by,
and that has made all the difference.*

- Robert Frost



...to the moon and sun and back again!

With all our love and pride,
Mom, Dad, Max, Andie, and Daisy



Amy,



From your first day of school in Kindergarten through your graduation from Muhlenberg, we've been so proud of you for all your accomplishments. Much love and wishes for a future filled with happiness and success.



Mom, Dad,
 Mike, and Riley



Dearest Leann,

From the moment we saw you, so perfect in every way, our hearts filled with love. You have always been much more than any parent could hope for in a daughter and have always made us proud. You have grown from an adorable little girl into a young lady, possessing both inner and outer beauty - God has truly blessed us. Congratulations on your graduation from Muhlenberg... we know that whatever path you choose in life, your intelligence, determination, inner strength, talent, and compassion will lead you down the road to happiness, success, and inner peace. You make our hearts smile!

Love always, Mommy, Daddy, and Peter.



Congratulations to our terrific graduate
ROBYN ESTER COHEN
We are so proud of you!

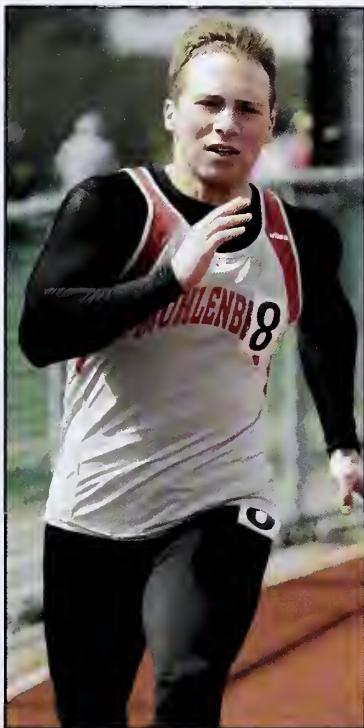
Love, Mom & Dad

Tom

We are all so proud of you as we have always been.

Keep trying.
Keep running.

Love.
Mom



Ciarla would like to thank the parents of the class of 2009 for their continued support of the yearbook.

Dear Jac,

When you were in 5th grade, your teacher had you write a letter to yourself which she saved and sent to you as you graduated high school. Not all your "10 year old" predictions came true but as you graduate from college and begin your journey, we agree with your last prediction - Your life will be an extraordinary adventure!

With pride and love,
Mom and Dad



114 Seminole Dr
Oakland, UT 84301
June 15, 1998

Dear Jaclyn,

Right now, I'm in Language Arts class with my teacher, Mrs. Zimmermann. I am smart, funny, athletic, and I love pets. I want to go to one of these 6 colleges, Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Stamford, M.I.T., or Johns Hopkins University. I predict I'll go to one of these colleges. I predict that I'll still like animals, be on a soccer team, still be smart, funny, have a Porsche, a Converse, and I'll live in a beautiful, big house, and I'll be an Environmental Scientist. I predict my life will be an extraordinary adventure!

Love,

P.S. I have so many friends! I predict you'll have a lot of friends, too! Jaclyn Kiely

COMMENCEMENT





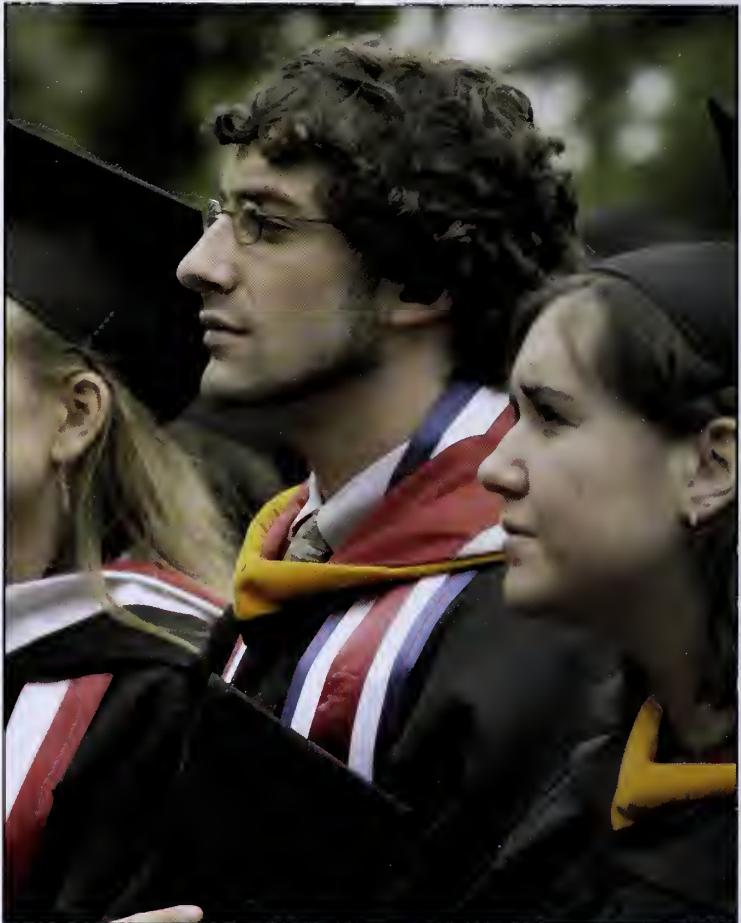
Commencement. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, the word can be defined as the beginning of something. Whether that is the beginning of a new career, new school or even new place, the most interesting part of this definition is that it does not include the word "end." Instead it focuses on the beginning of a new chapter. In the early part of May of 2009, the graduating class of 2009 had the opportunity to fully experience this meaning. Spending the past four years at Muhlenberg had given them numerous opportunities and lessons that they could apply to their new beginnings. Even under the cloudy skies, the front lawn was filled with gleaming parents and families there to support their loved ones in this transition from student to college graduate. The momentous occasion was marked by memorable speeches and presentations, highlighting not only the accomplishments of students but also of individuals who have contributed something honorable to society.





class of 2009.

faces in the crowd



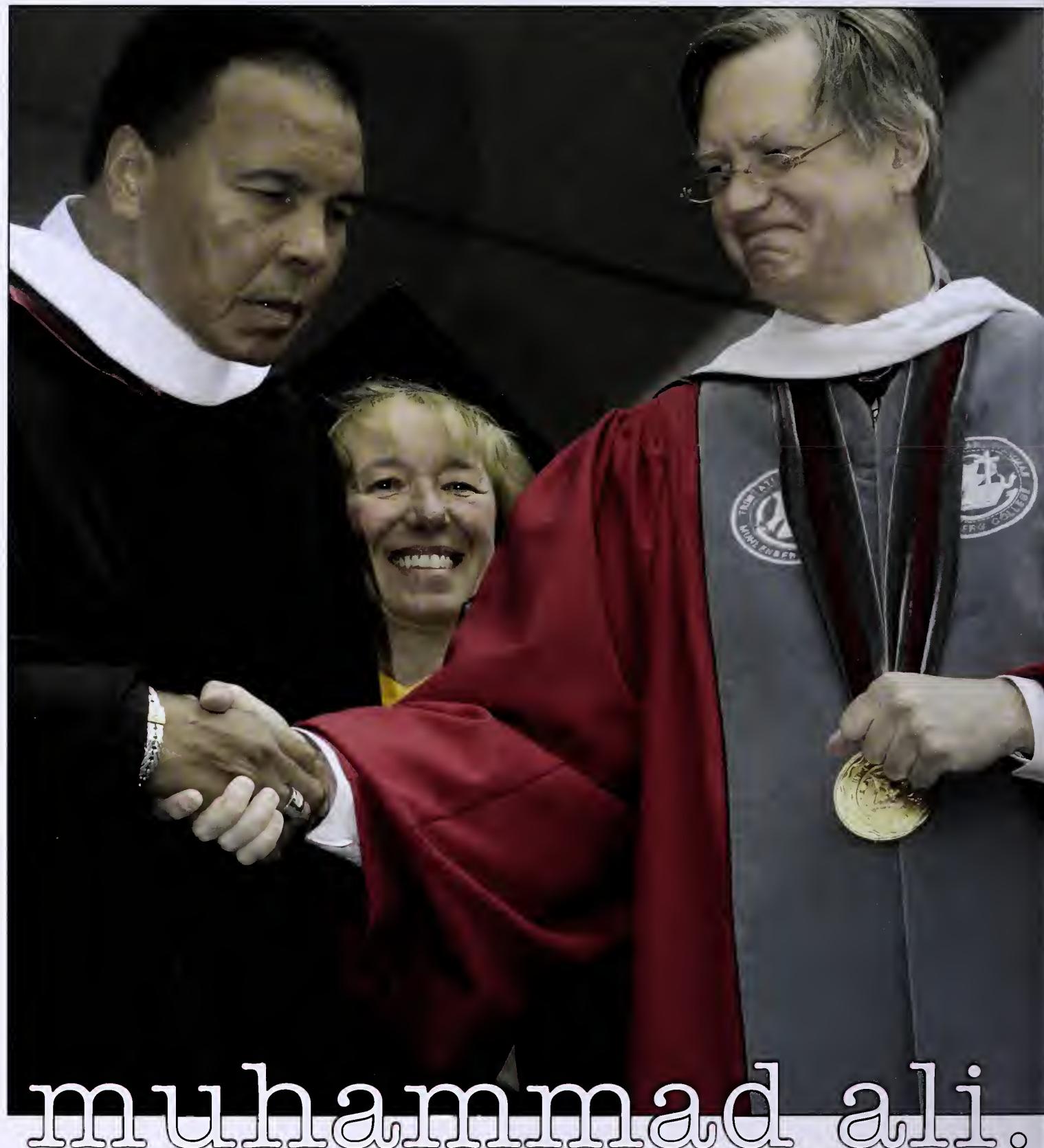
They say a picture is worth a thousand words. For these seniors, that description is definitely true. Ross Cohen, a biology major is all smiles; while to the right Chris Barth, a natural science major stands at attention during the national anthem. To the right, Melinda Gross receives her diploma from President Helm. Directly above, Sarah Schrader gives a standing ovation to one of the speakers.



andrew brown.

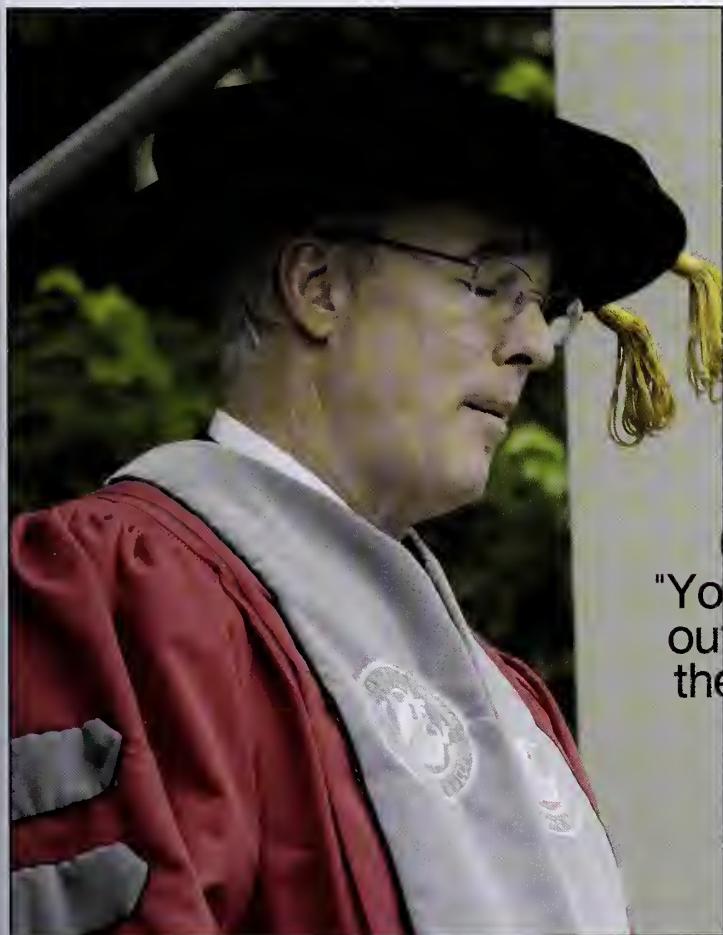
Andrew Brown was elected as Class of 2009 class speaker. Originally from Cranston, Rhode Island, Andrew was attracted to Muhlenberg for the theatre program and the scholastic community. He graduated with a double major in English and in Theatre, with a concentration in Directing and Performance Studies. Andrew was nominated as the student speaker and was able to address over 3,000 members of the Muhlenberg community during commencement. He spoke about memories from his time at Muhlenberg and how he was to remember this moment: "So I ask myself, "how are we to remember this day? Which, in effect, is an attempt to remember the past four years in a two hour ritual repeated year after year." Andrew left the audience with the task of deciding how to act and what action they will take to preserve the community.

"Our memory shapes what we believe in the present and imagine about the future."



muhammad ali.

This year Muhlenberg College awarded honorary doctoral degrees to Muhammad Ali, Galway Kinnell and The Honorable Kathleen A. McGinty. Muhammad Ali is a retired champion boxer who has received numerous honors including lighting the flame at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia and the Presidential Medal of Freedom at a White House. Galway Kinnell is the author of thirteen books of poetry and one of the most influential and celebrated American poets of our time. The Honorable Kathleen A. McGinty is founding partner, Peregrine Technology Partners LLC, a firm focused on the commercialization of clean technologies; she has a passion for the environment and served in the Clinton administration. Mr. Ali received a standing ovation as he accepted his honorary degree and this presence at the ceremony was a highlight for students and faculty members alike. Pictured to the left is Mr. Ali receiving his honorary degree from President Helm.



"You are smart, learned and ready. So, go out there and make some noise. Change the world with your own unique vision..."

- Gilbert Cates

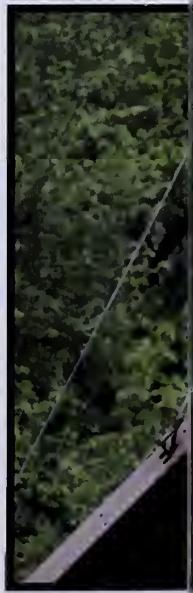


Victor's Lament

more than just pieces in a statue...

That big hunk of metal sitting on the front lawn, better known as Victor's Lament, has been left to sit and garner curiosity about what exactly it is since April 27th, 1979. Mark di Suvero's gigantic 28-foot, 10-ton abstract art piece was created using a complicated system of pulley's and steel beams between 1969 and 1970 in a parking lot in Pasadena, California. Victor's is actually one of a series of sculptures that di Suvero created in protest of the Vietnam War. Muhlenberg bought it for \$63,500 to help celebrate the construction of the new Baker Center of the Arts. In 1996, then President, Arthur Taylor, and Mark di Suvero agreed that Victor's needed to be protected from rusting, so it was painted from black to a special anti-oxidizing red color that many of di Suvero's other sculptures have been painted in.

Students seem to have many theories on what Victor's Lament actually represents, "a pile of red sticks," "something to try and climb," "modern art" and "pretty awesome" are some good ideas. di Suvero states that Victor's is a "non-objective" art piece. However it is interpreted by those who view it, Victor's Lament has become the unofficial mascot of Muhlenberg College and the campus landscape would be very empty without it.



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As the years pass, and this yearbook begins to collect dust, I hope that individuals are able to flip through these pages and smile when remembering the time that they had at Muhlenberg. To some, Muhlenberg is just an academic experience, but to others it represents something so much more. Each person who contributed to this book offers an unique perspective on how only one aspect of this school has influenced their life. Collectively, the impact that Muhlenberg has on all of us is immeasurable. I hope that you come to understand and appreciate all of the lessons and memories that you have taken from this campus.

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THA



THANK YOU

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE ALMA MATER

I love to sit and think and dream,
 And oft conspire.
And yet amid the swelling stream
 of fond desire,
My heart turns ever to Thee,
 Alma Mater, Alma Mater.
 Thee will I ever sing,
To Thee my heart shall cling.
 Of Thee my praises ring
O Muhlenberg, Alma Mater,
 O my Muhlenberg.

